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1954-1955 Calendar of Special Activities

for the Woman's Society of Christian Service and the Wesleyan Service Guild

This calendar is a suggested guide for the special activities of the year. Adapt it to meet the needs of your Society.

The Program Book and Worship Booklet, *Except the Lord Keep the City*, plus articles from THE METHODIST WOMAN and WORLD OUTLOOK, are essential for informational, inspirational programs on the work of the Woman's Division. Make plans early and secure all necessary material well in advance of need. Unless otherwise noted, order all literature from Literature Headquarters, 7820 Reading Road, Cincinnati 37, Ohio; or Distributing Offices.

THEME AND EMPHASES 1952-1956

THAT THE KINGDOM OF GOD MAY BE REALIZED

1. WE WILL SEEK TO GROW AS CHRISTIANS.
2. WE WILL SEEK TO BRING OTHERS INTO THE CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP . . . OF THE CHURCH AND OF THE WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE AND THE WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD.
3. WE WILL SEEK WITH CHRISTIANS EVERYWHERE THE SUSTAINING FELLOWSHIP AND POWER OF A WORLD CHRISTIAN CHURCH.
4. WE WILL USE ALL AVAILABLE RESOURCES TO WORK FOR "THE THINGS THAT BELONG UNTO PEACE."
5. WE WILL PROCLAIM THE WORLD MISSION OF THE CHURCH TO BE GOD'S PLAN FOR THE REDEMPTION OF THE WORLD. TO THIS END WE WILL WORK TO MAKE THE LORD JESUS CHRIST KNOWN TO ALL PEOPLES EVERYWHERE, TO PERSUADE THEM TO BECOME HIS DISCIPLES, AND TO FOSTER THE KNOWLEDGE AND EXPANSION OF THE MISSIONARY ENTERPRISE THROUGHOUT THE WORLD.
6. WE WILL ACCEPT THE PRICE OF CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP.

JUNE — Program—Students in Today's World

Promotion: Look at the *Treasure Hunt* in this issue. Plan with president and Committee on Membership to carry through.

Missionary Education: Attend or plan to have someone attend your conference School of Missions and Christian Service.

Student Work: Observe Methodist Student Day (second Sunday). Have the church take an offering for Methodist Student Loan and Scholarship Fund.

Youth Work: Encourage members of the MYF, who have not done so, to make new MYFund pledges.

Children's Work: Take part in vacation church school.

Spiritual Life: Cooperate with your pastor in the church-wide emphasis on stewardship. Make plans for enrollment in the Fellowship of Intercession.

Supply Work: Present ASKINGS for consideration and acceptance.

JULY — Program—Women and the Rural Community

Vice-President: Call meeting of the Committee on Program and circle chairmen to begin program plans.

Children's Work: Take advantage of summer training opportunities.

Literature and Publications: Order the Program Book and Worship Booklet, *Except the Lord Keep the City;* also *My Date Book*, the new *Prayer Calendar*, and the new handbooks: *for the Treasurer, for the Secretary of Literature and Publications.*

AUGUST — Program—Seedtime and Harvest

Vice-President: Quarterly meeting of the Committee on Program. Present the World Federation of Methodist Women.

Treasurer: Send first quarter's receipts by August 5. Study the *Handbook for the Treasurer.*

Promotion: In executive committee meeting, have all officers fill out reports to be mailed to district secretaries of lines of work by August 31.

Missionary Education: Attend the district Educational Seminar this month or next.

Student Work: Send Student Information Cards to Wesley Foundation director or pastor of the campus church *by August 1.*

Supply Work: Ask circle members to make or bring requested articles for Home Missions institutions. A summer Christmas party is recommended with a cash offering for Supply Work for Foreign Missions institutions of the Woman's Division.

Children's Work: Participate in Thanksgiving activities for children.

Literature and Publications: Suggest literature for Christmas gifts, especially THE METHODIST WOMAN and WORLD OUTLOOK.

DECEMBER — Program—The Prince of Peace

Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities: Observe Human Rights Day, December 10.

Student Work: Observe Student Recognition Day. Welcome students home with fellowship tea.

Children's Work: Assist in planning for the missionary units in January for the Sunday school and additional sessions.

Status of Women: Study places women are serving on your local church boards, and places where women may serve. Use poster, "The Legal Status of Women in The Methodist Church."

Membership: Plan to welcome new members in January.

JANUARY — Program—The Family—Stewards of the Christian Life

General: Epiphany recognition service for new members.

Vice-president: Present the World Federation of Methodist Women.

Promotion: Emphasize the educational value of the Treasure Chest. How much have you learned about the 28 countries? Make your new members a part of the Widening Fellowship.

Missionary Education: Cooperate in the church-wide study, *Crowded Ways.* Bring missionary news from THE METHODIST WOMAN, WORLD OUTLOOK, field literature to monthly meetings.

Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities: Use Church and Economic Life Week, January 16-22, 1955, as a time to initiate plans for the study, *That They May Have Life.*

Wesleyan Service Guild: Guild month. Publicize your unit and its activities by means of radio and newspaper.

Youth Work: Acquaint the Woman's Society with plans for the mission study in the church school.

Children's Work: Share in presentation of missionary units in church school during January and February.

Literature and Publications: Order *Fifteenth Annual Report of the Woman's Division.*

FEBRUARY — Program—New Ventures on Old Roads

General: Elect a Committee on Nominations.

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***Malaya:* Misses Louise and Mathilde Killingsworth**
***Mexico:* Miss Ruth Warner**

IN MEMORIAM

***Miss Garnet Everley*, for many years, principal of the Blackstone Missionary Institute, Mathura, India, succumbed to a heart attack on her sixty-fifth birthday, January 28, 1954. Miss Everley was a graduate of Kansas State Teachers' College and also held an M.A. degree from Columbia University. She first sailed to India in 1924.**

***Miss Mary Hood*, retired missionary of China, died on February 17, 1954, in Memphis, Tennessee. Miss Hood was for many years one of our most loved and capable leaders of East China Conference. We are deeply grateful for her life.**

***Miss Elsie Ross*, who retired in 1947 after 38 years of missionary service in India, died February 26, 1954. Miss Ross was a member of the Gujarat Conference, and served at Godhra, Baroda, and Nadiad. Her many years of selfless service have left an indelible mark on the lives of countless numbers who came under the influence of her Christian witness. She had been living at Bancroft-Taylor Rest Home in Ocean Grove, New Jersey.**

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COVER

The cover design emphasizes the fact that all ages and groups are related to the Woman's Society of Christian Service—adults, business and professional women, and youth. To be sure, children are included but we do not have a pin for them.

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Mrs. Frank G. Brooks
President, Woman's Division of Christian Service

A Letter to the President

Dear President:

There are always many things I should like to share with you relation to our common task. Those of you who have served in this pos tion before will, I believe, agree with me that the deep and rewardi joy it brings is in direct ratio to the amount of time and thought and wo that it requires. For those of you who are just embarking on this gre new adventure, I extend the earnest hope that you likewise will fi this to be true.

Since this is the year of the Fourth Assembly, I should like to put that great gathering into your thin ing. The Assembly of the Woman's Society of Christian Service is not just "another meeting" in the progra of the church. It is a continuing experience that lifts the level of our thought and deepens the richness our fellowship for the entire quadrennium in which it occurs. Some of you who read these words can be this out from personal witness.

The theme of this Fourth Assembly is *"Jesus Christ—The Way."* This theme was selected after mon of thought and prayer and cooperative effort. In such a world as today's, we need a sense of certainty direction which can come only through checking our plans, our programs, our personal lives, by the one unc ing Way. The theme hymn was chosen as bearing closely upon this— *"Christ's Life Our Code, His Cr Our Creed"*—number 331 in *The Methodist Hymnal.*

You will find that there are many phrases and sentences in this fine hymn which will fit well as subje for adresses and as program headings. We hope both words and tune will become familar to our constituen and mean much in the lives of our women.

You are doubtless finding that "participation" becomes increasingly important as an underlying princip or philosophy, in our Woman's Society work. As mere spectators, we cannot, as a rule, enter into the full joy and meaning of an experience: we need to have some part in *it,* in order that it may have some part *us.* The Conversation Groups planned for the two afternoons of the Assembly will demonstrate this prin ple. By the exchange of thought made possible through the presence of trained leaders, recorders, resou persons, delegates, and visitors, the three main topics of the Assembly will become matters of individual co cern to the women. These three areas are World Peace, the World Mission, and the World Church.

You will have opportunity through the months ahead to help in the "follow-up" of the Assembly. jurisdiction and conference Schools of Missions and Christian Service, much time will be given to bring the message of the Assembly in living terms to the women of Methodism across the land. You will f that the October program in the Program Book deals with the Assembly.

A new feature of this Assembly is the *Work Book* which is really a book of resource material along t lines of the three emphases. This offers factual material in form readily available, in the realm of ho and foreign missions and Christian Social Relations. It gives practical help by suggesting modern meth and techniques for sharing a message. As president, you will find this *Work Book* invaluable in supply material which would be impossible for most of us to collect and correlate for ourselves in our busy liv I commend it to you for personal use as well as for group activity.

This emphasis in the Assembly on "Jesus Christ—The Way" is closely related to our quadrennial go and our symbol. We seek direction: chart and compass come from Him Who is the Way. Those m familiar concentric circles have, at their center, Discipleship; and we trace the footsteps of Him Who is Way, the Truth, the Life. For each of you, it is my earnest hope that life may be larger for His law, a service sweeter for His love, through the year of action upon which you are now entering!

Very sincerely yours,

(Mrs. Frank G.) Laura Jean Brooks

Mount Vernon, Iowa.

President, Woman's Division of Christian Service

Vice-President

Mrs. Paul Arrington
Vice-President Woman's Division of Christian Service

Greetings to you, Vice-President:

In order to understand clearly your responsibilities as vice-president, the *Handbook for the Vice-President* is an essential tool. The following materials are likewise necessary: *A Guide; The Fourteenth Annual Report;* THE METHODIST WOMAN and WORLD OUTLOOK. Since you hold a key position in your Woman's Society of Christian Service, you will take advantage of every opportunity for training, including wide reading.

The Circle chairmen will look to you for help in planning the Circle programs. Great care should be given to this phase of your work.

Use the report given on pages 32-33 of *Handbook for the Vice-President* as a guide. Reports are to be mailed to the district vice-president, September 1, December 1, March 1, June 1.

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CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

JUNE

Ask the secretary of Literature and Publications to order new Program Books, *Except the Lord Keep the City,* and the study materials.

Present program: "Students in Today's World."

Call meeting of the Committee on Program to give out materials, exchange ideas, and discuss responsibility of the committee members. Make assignments for preparation of yearbook.

JULY

Call a meeting of the Committee on Program and the circle chairmen to plan the yearbook.

Present the plans to the executive committee.

Program: "Women and the Rural Community."

AUGUST

Present yearbook to the Woman's Society of Christian Service for adoption.

The Program: "Seedtime and Harvest."

Quarterly meeting of the Committee on Program:

1. Evaluate the programs: 1953-54.
2. Plan for the study: *The City.*
3. From Program Book, *Except the Lord Keep the City,* plan programs for the coming quarter.
4. Plan for the observance of United Nations Day and the Week of Prayer and Self-Denial.

SEPTEMBER

Present the program: "Jesus' Concern for Cities."

Begin the study: *The City.*

OCTOBER

Continue the study.

Present the program: "The Fourth Assembly."

Observe United Nations Day.

Observe the Week of Prayer and Self-Denial.

NOVEMBER

Quarterly meeting of the Committee on Program:

1. Evaluate the programs given this quarter.
2. Plan for the study: *India, Pakistan and Ceylon.*
3. Plan for the Thank Offering program.
4. Plan for Human Rights Day (December 10).

Program: "New Nations Shall Turn to the Lord."

Begin the study: *India, Pakistan and Ceylon.*

DECEMBER

Observe Human Rights Day.

Present Thank Offering program.

Present the program: "The Prince of Peace."

JANUARY

Cooperate in the church-wide study.

Present World Federation of Methodist Women.

Present the monthly program: "The Family—Stewards of the Christian Life."

FEBRUARY

Quarterly meeting of the Committee on Program:

1. Evaluate programs of the quarter.
2. Plan in detail for next quarter.
   (a) Lent, Day Apart, and May Fellowship.
   (b) Plan study: *That They May Have Life.*
   (c) Monthly programs.

Present program: "New Ventures on Old Roads."

MARCH

Begin the study: *That They May Have Life.*

Program: "The Young Girl Goes to the City."

APRIL

Observe a Day Apart.

Present World Federation of Methodist Women.

Present program: "United Work of Protestant Church Women in the United States."

MAY

Monthly program: "Be Ye Doers of the Word"—Pledge Service.

Quarterly meeting of the Committee on Program:

1. Evaluate programs of the quarter.
2. Plan study: *Jesus' Teachings Concerning Women.*
3. Plan for programs for the quarter.
4. Plan Installation Service.

Study: *Jesus' Teachings Concerning Women.*

Mrs. J. Ernest Wilkins
Recording Secretary, Woman's Division of Christian Service

Recording Secretary

Dear Recording Secretary:

You are beginning a new year in June and I sincerely hope that you are looking forward to it with pleasure. The new year always brings opportunities for greater service, so let us face our tasks squarely and pledge, as recording secretaries, to do our part that the kingdom of God may be realized.

Are you a new secretary? Then I suggest that you study the requirements of your office as set forth in *A Guide;* then read the Check List which appeared in the April, 1953, issue of THE METHODIST WOMAN. This list will help you to pin point a few of the assets needed for your job.

Are you serving as secretary for a second term? I hope that you have had a most successful year; that you have grown to be a more competent secretary; a better informed person on the program of the Woman's Society of Christian Service; and a definite asset to your president. Of course, I need not remind you that clear, well-written and accurate secretarial records are an important requirement.

No matter whether you have previously served or not, let me recall several things which you need to remember throughout the year:

1. The office of recording secretary is one of service.

2. You, too, are responsible for the success of your Society in reaching and maintaining the Quadrennial Goals.

3. As an officer, you have a responsibility to your president to support her efforts and encourage her successful administration by efficiently maintaining your office.

4. Just do your best—but if your best is not good enough—then study to improve yourself, remembering that no one is perfect but everyone can improve.

It is my prayer that you will do good work as recording secretary this year. You can; just try.

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs. J. Ernest Wilkins) Lucile B. Wilkins

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P. S.—Recording secretaries are record keepers. You can render a very helpful service to your Society if you take it upon yourself to record in your book the history and meaning of the Woman's Society emblem.

Miss Victoria Ralph of Jersey City, New Jersey, wrote the following history based on the article by Mrs. Albert T. Morgan which appeared on page 20 of the 1941 December issue:

Every member of the Woman's Society of Christian Service should know the historical significance of our emblem.

In planning the design, the Committee on Emblem and Seal chose the triangle as highly symbolical, representing *First,* the Trinity—Father, Son and Holy Spirit, with the Cross placed within the triangle. *Second,* it stands for the three churches which united, the Methodist Episcopal Church, the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and the Methodist Protestant Church. *Third,* it represents the united organizations of Methodist women—the Woman's Home Missionary Society, the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, and the Ladies' Aid Society, now all resolved into the Woman's Division of Christian Service, with its three departments of work—the Department of Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities, the Department of Work in Foreign Fields, and the Department of Work in Home Fields. *Fourth,* it stands for the three divisions of the Board of Missions—the Division of World Missions, the Division of National Missions, and the Woman's Division of Christian Service.

And because we believe in a global gospel and our work extends to the ends of the earth, the triangle encloses the two hemispheres.

The name of our organization appears on the triangle. A lovely encircling wreath of laurel is used with the hope of victory for this organization in helping to win the world for Christ.

"In the Cross of Christ I Glory" and "Go ye into all the world to preach the Gospel to every living creature" are the challenging messages represented, symbolically, *through* the Cross *above* the hemispheres *within* the triangle of our beautiful emblem.

Another item for the record should be a statement concerning the wearing of the emblem and the Life Membership pin. Many women have asked for guidance. There are no set rules or regulations. Considering the significance of these pins, it would seem proper to wear either one over the heart, a hand span from the throat. Certainly these pins should not be worn as adornments or functional accessories.

Treasurer

Henrietta Gibson
Treasurer, Woman's Division of Christian Service

The Quarterly Calendar of Activities is here for your guidance, to help you plan for the cycle of reports which are to be prepared throughout the year. These dates are all important for you to follow, for the payment of pledges, the reports you give to your members, the transmission of your receipts to the district or conference treasurer mean much in the total program of your Society. Your responsibility is more than this routine, however. Because of your position, you hold a key to the opening of the minds and hearts of your members to the needs of people everywhere, at home and abroad, and to the importance of increasing their gifts to meet these needs through their support of the program of the Woman's Division.

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QUARTERLY CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

First Quarter—June, July, August

Have your annual report for the year just closed passed by the auditing committee of the church.

Set up your books for the new year.

Start your plan for the collection of the pledge payments of your members.

Plan with the treasurer of the Wesleyan Service Guild as to dates when the Guild funds for the missionary program of the Woman's Division should be transferred to your account for forwarding to the district or conference treasurer.

Send first quarter's receipts to the district or conference treasurer by the date fixed by your conference (probably August 5).

Prepare monthly reports to be presented to and approved by the Woman's Society.

Furnish copies of your reports to the secretary of Promotion to be included in her quarterly report to the district or conference secretary of Promotion.

Send for the *Handbook for the Treasurer.*

Second Quarter—September, October, November

Make arrangements for the presentation to the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Widening Fellowship plan. This is a financial plan to help increase giving for missions, promotion of which will be included in the plans of the Summer Schools of Missions and Christian Service.

Cooperate in the program of the Week of Prayer and Self-Denial, especially in the plans that relate to the offering.

Send second quarter's receipts to the district or conference treasurer by the agreed date (probably November 5).

Prepare monthly reports to be presented to and approved by the Woman's Society.

Furnish copies of your reports to the secretary of Promotion to be included in her quarterly report to the district or conference secretary of Promotion.

With the secretary of Promotion, plan for promotion of continuing use of the Treasure Chest and the widening Fellowship Plan by your members.

Third Quarter—December, January, February

See that pledges are paid up to date.

Plan for Christmas Offering if your Society has one.

Ask for an opportunity to present special memberships and Annuity Gifts to the members.

Plan for Lenten Offering if your Society has one.

Send third quarter's receipts to the district or conference treasurer (probably by February 5).

Prepare monthly reports to be presented to and approved by the Woman's Society.

Furnish copies of your reports to the secretary of Promotion to be included in her quarterly report to the district or conference secretary of Promotion.

Fourth Quarter—March, April, May

Urge all members to complete pledge payments for the year.

Send fourth quarter's receipts to the district or conference treasurer by the agreed date (probably May 10). Since this is the last report for the fiscal year, empty your treasury, insofar as possible, and send all available funds for the missionary program of the Woman's Division.

Prepare your annual report to be presented to and approved by the Woman's Society.

Furnish a copy of this report to the secretary of Promotion to be included in her annual report to the district or conference secretary of Promotion.

Call a meeting of the Committee on Finance to prepare the 1955-56 budget.

See that budget for 1955-56 is presented to, understood and adopted by the Woman's Society.

With the Committee on Program, plan a Pledge Service for the pledges for the new fiscal year.

Dorcas Hall
Executive Secretary, Section of Education and Cultivation

Promotion

Remember that promotion is a *means*, not an *end*. The end is THAT THE KINGDOM OF GOD MAY BE REALIZED.

Emphasize the entire program and make Goal 2, Widening Fellowship, your *special* responsibility.

Notify district secretaries of changes of address of local officers.

Relay materials to the proper officers promptly.

Cooperate constantly with the secretary of Promotion of the Wesleyan Service Guild.

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Dorcas Hall

CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

JUNE

Evaluate progress toward reaching Goals.

Work to overcome weak spots.

Look at the "Treasure Hunt" in this issue.

Plan with president and Committee on Membership to carry through.

JULY

Look at the whole year's program.

Familiarize yourself with: the *Handbook for the Secretaries of Promotion, A Guide,* the *Record and Report Book, My Date Book,* THE METHODIST WOMAN, WORLD OUTLOOK, and the leaflets: *Oh, Yes You Can, A Widening Way.*

AUGUST

In an executive committee meeting, have all officers fill out reports and have them mailed to district secretaries of lines of work by August 31.

SEPTEMBER

Relate progress of Treasure Hunt to Goals.

Have you enlisted new members?

Have you been using the Treasure Chest?

How many of you are planning to attend district meeting?

OCTOBER

Help make vital to your women the Week of Prayer and Self-Denial, and United Nations Day.

NOVEMBER

In an executive committee meeting, have all officers fill out reports, and have them mailed to district secretaries of lines of work by November 30.

Watch THE METHODIST WOMAN for plans for education and cultivation.

DECEMBER

Look over what you have done in second quarter and check progress on Goal chart.

JANUARY

Emphasize the educational value of the Treasure Chest.

How much have you learned about the 28 countries?

Make your new members a part of the Widening Fellowship.

FEBRUARY

In an executive committee meeting, have all officers fill out reports and have them mailed to district secretaries of lines of work by February 28.

New members will make reports better!

MARCH

Here's that district meeting again!

Officers' Training Day materials need to be ordered. (See THE METHODIST WOMAN, January, 1954, page 21.)

Check Goal chart for third quarter.

APRIL

Look back over the year's work as shown in *Record and Report Book.*

Share your findings in an executive committee meeting.

Open your Treasure Chests. Did you meet the standard you set for yourself? Take the chests back to use for the next year.

MAY

In an executive committee meeting have all officers fill out reports, and have them mailed to district secretaries of lines of work by May 31.

Send list of newly elected officers with complete addresses to district secretary of Promotion.

Do your part in setting up Officers' Training Day.

Check Goal Chart for year.

How many new members did your Treasure Hunt yield?

Look ahead!

Missionary Education and Service

Please study carefully the "Foreword" and pages 3-6, 8-9, and 12 in he 1952-56 *Handbook*. Read and mark for reference the remainder of the irst section (pages 1-28).[1] Order the free leaflets listed below.[2] Before neeting with the committee which plans the programs and studies for the ear, read, if possible, the current textbooks, guides, and Program Book.

Present missionary news at every monthly meeting.

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Elizabeth Stinson

Elizabeth Stinson
Secretary of Missionary Education

CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

June

June 1. Send your quarterly and annual reports o your district secretary of Missionary Education.

Attend your conference School of Missions this nonth or whenever it is held.

Bring missionary information to the monthly neeting. Study the June issue center spread of The Methodist Woman for the approved 1954-55 texts nd guides.

July

Become familiar with the 1954-55 Program Book.

Help the Committee on Program plan programs.

Read the approved texts and guides for 1954-55.

In the Committee on Program, initiate study lans.

August

Make plans to attend the District Educational eminar.

Present to the Society the study plans for 1954-55.

Present in detail plans for the study, *The City.*

September

September 1. Mail your quarterly report today.

Attend the District Educational Seminar.

Begin the study, *The City.*

Plan with the Committee on Program for the Week f Prayer and Self-Denial.

October

Present suggestions to the class for action follow-ng study. Welcome suggestions. Decide on action.

Begin plans for the study, *India, Pakistan and Ceylon.*

Cooperate in the Week of Prayer programs.

November

With Committee on Program, plan in detail for next quarter.

Begin the study, *India, Pakistan and Ceylon.*[3]

December

December 1. Mail your quarterly report today.

Use your five minutes in the monthly meeting to give motivation for our missionary effort. (See *Handbook,* December, page 8.)

January

Cooperate in the church-wide study, *Crowded Ways.*[4]

Share in the church-school missionary studies.

February

Begin plans for the study, *That They May Have Life.*

With Committee on Program, plan for next quarter.

Bring missionary news from the home field.

March

March 1. Mail your quarterly report today.

Begin the study, *That They May Have Life.*

April

Cooperate in plans for Officers' Training Day.

Begin plans for the study, *Jesus' Teachings Concerning Women.*

Plan for representation at the conference school.

May

Begin study, *Jesus' Teachings Concerning Women.*

Register for your conference School of Missions.

Attend Officers' Training Day.

With Committee on Program, plan for next quarter.

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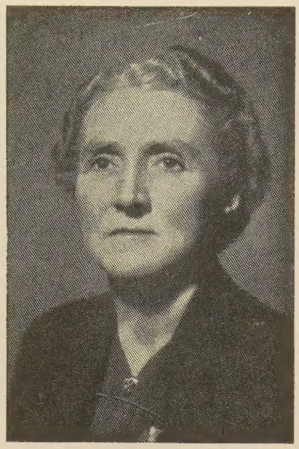
[1] Order *Handbook for Secretaries of Missionary Education* from Literature Headquarters, 7820 Reading Road, Cincinnati 37, Ohio; or Distributing offices (25 cents).

[2] *Study and Action* leaflet (1954-1955), *Ways of Conducting Study Classes, Questions and Answers on Missionary Education.*

[3] The number and order of the studies are determined by the local Society. Since most of the Societies do not wish to study during the summer, it is suggested that they be scheduled within the period between September and June, and that, when planning the time, consideration be given to the approved curriculum materials of the church.

[4] If the pastor and Commission on Missions of the local church prefer to have the church-wide study at some time other than this period, kindly make any adjustments necessary in the study program of your Society for full cooperation with the pastor in the promotion of the church-wide study.



Thelma Stevens
Executive Secretary, Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities

Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities

Dear Secretary:

Why not be sure that the following basic things are done as the yea 1954-55 gets under way June 1!

1. Secure at least the minimum essential materials for your com mittee: *Handbook,* 25 cents; *Activities for 1954-55;* THE METHODIS WOMAN; Packet, "If Thou Hadst Known," 50 cents.

2. *Call your committee together.* Review these materials using thi Calendar as a starter. The March, 1954, issue of THE METHODIST WOMA is also important for use with *Activities for 1954-55.* Invite your pasto and the president of your Society or Guild to meet with you. Evaluat your year's work using page 28 in THE METHODIST WOMAN for April, 195 to help you get started. Then decide on the most important things fo your group to do in 1954-55, using the following suggestions as a possibl guide for timing your plans.

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CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

JUNE

Mail your Fourth Quarter's report June 1.

Register for your Conference School of Missions.

JULY

Plan a special day with your committee to review the report of The Assembly in THE METHODIST WOMAN for July-August.

AUGUST

Continue preparation for your part in follow-up plans of the Assembly, looking toward "climax" in October.

SEPTEMBER

Mail your first quarter's report September 1.

Call your committee together for special planning to alert Methodists to election issues and responsibilities. (See THE METHODIST WOMAN for September.

OCTOBER

Cooperate in community-wide observance of U.N. Day.

Urge every Methodist woman to vote in November.

NOVEMBER

Work with other church women on all phases of World Community Day program.

DECEMBER

Mail your second quarter's report December 1.

Observe Human Rights Day, December 10.

Cooperate with pastor in follow-up of Commit ment Sunday.

JANUARY

Use Church and Economic Life Week, January 16-22, 1955, as a time to initiate plans for the study *That They May Have Life.*

Secure copies of *The Social Creed of The Meth odist Church* for church-wide distribution. (Se Guide for Study, *That They May Have Life.*)

FEBRUARY

Use Race Relations Sunday and Brotherhood Wee as a time to "step up" the emphasis on full partici pation of all races in church and community life (See THE METHODIST WOMAN for February, 195 and 1955.)

MARCH

Mail your third quarter's report March 1.

Convene your committee to take stock of issue confronting the 84th Congress.

APRIL

Report results of March committee meeting t Woman's Society and Guild and suggest action.

MAY

Cooperate in observance of Family Life Week.

Participate in all phases of May Fellowship Da Program.

Convene your committee to take stock of year activities and make recommendations for 1955-56

Wesleyan Service Guild

Lillian A. Johnson
Secretary of
Wesleyan Service Guild

Dear President:

This issue of THE METHODIST WOMAN will prove invaluable to you in your work during the year, for each of these pages from officers and staff will give you guidance. I hope you will jot down for each month all the things that are suggested in the various Calendars of Activities so that you will have them all together. Then you will know the possibilities for special stress for each month in every line of work. You will seem to have a vast job when you have completed your list, but you will know that you cannot possibly accomplish everything in one year. With its limited time, the Guild must make its choices. Let your officers help you to do this with your listing from these calendars as your guide.

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Lillian A. Johnson

CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

JUNE

Arrange for a conference with the president of the Woman's Society of Christian Service in order to coordinate plans and to make arrangements for attendance at meetings of the Society executive committee of which you and the treasurer are members.

Make certain that the outgoing treasurer and the secretary of Promotion have handed their record and report books to the incoming officers.

Have a meeting with your executive committee to make plans for the year's program.

Plan to attend the Conference School of Missions and Christian Service, if this is possible.

JULY

Meet with Committee on Program to make plans.

AUGUST

Check with the chairman of Missionary Education to see that plans for the approved study courses are well under way. (See page 9.)

SEPTEMBER

Arrange with the chairman of the Committee on Literature to have a display of new materials.

Confer with the president and vice-president of the Woman's Society of Christian Service concerning observance of the Week of Prayer and Self-Denial.

OCTOBER

Urge use of the *Prayer Calendar, Do You Know* booklets, and *Guild Prayer Card.* Arrange for a display and brief presentation of the United Nations.

This is the month for the follow-up of the Assembly. Use the Program Book as your guide.

NOVEMBER

Cooperate with other organizations in plans for Human Rights Day on December 10.

At executive committee meeting, assist secretary of Promotion in filling out her quarterly report.

DECEMBER

Make plans for Guild Month in January. Note change in months from October to January. In cooperation with the Woman's Society of Christian Service, plan for a joint meeting of the Woman's Society and Guild for Guild Month.

JANUARY

Observe Guild Month by publicizing the work of the Guild through newspapers and radio, and make a special drive for membership. Distribute the new leaflet, *The Wesleyan Service Guild.*

Cooperate with other groups in plans for World Day of Prayer observance in February.

FEBRUARY

Call a meeting of chairmen of lines of work to evaluate the program of the first half of the year, and to assist the secretary of Promotion in filling out her quarterly report.

Urge attendance at World Day of Prayer.

Assist the chairman of the Committee on Status of Women in seeing that each member fills out and hands in the SERVICE ACTIVITY CARD.

MARCH

Give place on the program to publicize THE METHODIST WOMAN and WORLD OUTLOOK.

The nominating committee meets.

APRIL

Hold election of officers.

Make plans for sending a delegate to the Conference School of Missions and Christian Service.

Plan with the minister for installation of officers.

MAY

Check on final plans for the pledge service.

Order Program Books and Worship Booklets.

Jean Sardou Studio

Dorothy A. Nyland
Secretary of Student Work

Student Work

Dear Secretary:

*Our Students From Other Lands** is the new leaflet describing the missionary opportunity for Christians to develop friendship with students now studying here from all over the world. Many secretaries of Student Work have found "Why Bother?"* helpful. May you find joy in working with students and those in service personnel.

Sincerely yours,

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Dorothy A. Nyland

CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

June

Observe Methodist Student Day (Second Sunday). Have the church take an offering for the Methodist Student Loan and Scholarship Fund.

Welcome students home.

July

Use students in summer church programs, in choir, vacation church school, teaching in church school, et cetera. Make them feel that the church needs them.

August

Fill out student Introduction Cards* for those entering colleges in the fall. Mail directly to campus director of religious life, director of Wesley Foundation, or to the pastor of the church. THIS SHOULD BE DONE BY AUGUST 1. Subscribe to the Student magazine, *motive*. Order from Box 871, Nashville 2, Tennessee.

Mail first quarterly report by September 1.

September

Plan recognition for students leaving for college.

If near a college, plan to recognize college students attending your church.

Mail devotional materials to students away from home and service personnel.

October

World-wide Communion Sunday. Opportunity to help students become world-minded.

Share materials on missions with students and service personnel. Send them *Directory of Methodist Missions Overseas.*

November

Entertain students from overseas during holidays.

Mail second quarterly report to district secretary by December 1.

December

Observe Student Recognition Day. Work with pastor on this. Welcome students home with fellowship tea. During holidays entertain students from overseas.

January

Write letters to students and service personnel away from home. Send devotional booklet, *Power.* Order from 810 Broadway, Nashville 2, Tennessee.

February

Race Relations Day (second Sunday).

Suggest missionary materials for student libraries.

World Student Christian Federation Day of Prayer (third Sunday).

Mail third quarterly report by March 1.

March

Invite students to lead worship service and participate in Woman's Society of Christian Service, if you are near a college.

Be on alert for students who should participate in summer service projects and full-time missionary service. (Order *Methodist Service Projects,* Service Department, Box 871, Nashville 2, Tennessee. 10 cents.)

April

Cooperate with your pastor in inviting deputation teams of students to speak in your church (if there is a college nearby).

May

Encourage high-school seniors to go to college.

Entertain seniors from your church and have a speaker on "Christian Service."

Plan to send youth and students to summer camps and conferences.

Mail fourth quarterly report by June 1.

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* Available from Literature Headquarters, 7820 Reading Road, Cincinnati 37, Ohio; or Distributing Offices. Free for postage.

Youth Work

Memo to the Secretary of Youth Work:

As an adult worker with youth, you will work closely with the Methodist Youth Fellowship. Through your participation in the Youth Division Council, you will help to make Christian Outreach an integral part of the MYF program.

The emphasis on Youth calls upon us "to help all youth discover the will of God and live by it."

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Helen L. Johnson

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Secretary of Youth Work

CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

June

Read *Youth Planbook—1954-55.*[1] Review: *Handbook of the Methodist Youth Fellowship.*[1]

Cooperate in plans for the use of missionary units in the church-school lessons.

Encourage members of the MYF who have not done so to make new MYFund pledges.

July-August

Attend some leadership training agency such as: School of Missions, Leadership School, Laboratory School, Youth Leadership Conference or Workshop.

Help youth to attend camp, institute, or assembly.

September

Cooperate with the MYF council in making plans for the year ahead.

Make every effort to know your job as an adult worker with youth.

Counsel with the World Friendship Group of Girls in their planning.

October

Tell the Woman's Society about Christian Outreach in the MYF.

Consider ways to help youth participate in World-wide Communion Sunday, World Order Sunday, and United Nations Day.

Participate with other adult workers with youth in the special emphasis on "Youth in Their Families."

November

Make it possible for the MYF to have mission study materials on the current themes.

Share resources on projects related to the MYFund with the MYF.

Plan to send Christmas greetings to missionaries and nationals.

December

Work with MYF council in their plans for the missionary study in January.

Assist the MYF in plans to observe Human Rights Day, December 10.

January

Be informed concerning the missionary units in the church-school lessons.

Read resource materials in *Roundtable,*[1] *Workers With Youth,*[1] and *Our Intermediate Fellowship.*[1]

Encourage plans for youth to participate in the church school of missions.

Acquaint the Woman's Society with plans for the mission study in the church school.

February

Urge participation in the youth observance of the World Day of Prayer, February 25.

Help the MYF to have access to information about matters relating to peace and world order.

March

Check on MYFund giving. All pledges should be paid by early May.

April

Purchase new mission study books and guides for youth. Read them before attending summer conferences.

May

Participate in Officers' Training Day.

Assist in planning for a dedication service when new MYFund pledges will be made.

Urge youth attending summer institutes, camps, and assemblies to bring back ideas for strengthening Christian Outreach in the MYF.

[1] Order from The Methodist Publishing House serving your territory.

Ruby Van Hooser
Secretary of Children's Work

Children's Work

Greetings to the secretary of Children's Work as you begin a new year rich in opportunities for service to boys and girls now in the church school. You will be concerned, as a regular teacher, with carrying out the program of The Methodist Church for the Christian education of its children—a program in which missionary education finds a vital and central place. You will want to make reports of the church's work with children to the Woman's Society of Christian Service, pointing out ways in which members may help. The emphasis in the church on Christian family living is an important one, as well as the emphasis upon the necessity of home, church, school, and community working together that all the needs of boys and girls may be met.

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Ruby Van Hooser

CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

June

Read: Leaflet, *Secretary of Children's Work;** summer issue of *World Friendship Bulletin* in The Methodist Woman for June.

Cooperate in vacation church school.

Present summer plans for children's division to Woman's Society of Christian Service.

Attend Officers' Training Day of Woman's Society.

July-August

Take training in one of the following: Conference School of Missions; Leadership School; Laboratory School or Children's Workers' Conference.

September

Meet with council of children's workers to plan year's work, including missionary education.

Read: Fall issue of World Friendship Bulletin in The Methodist Woman for September; also *Child Guidance in Christian Living,*[1] September, 1954.

Report to Woman's Society of Christian Service.

October

Attend seminar of Woman's Society of Christian Service for study emphases of year.

Plan with children's workers for Thanksgiving.

Attend leadership classes for children's workers in the local church or in the district.

November

Plan with council of children's workers for Christmas.

Participate in Thanksgiving activities for children.

Attend district institutes on missionary education of children.

December

Assist in planning for the missionary units in the Sunday school and additional sessons.

Read: Winter issue of *World Friendship Bulletin* in The Methodist Woman for December.

Participate in Christmas activities for children.

Promote the use of the January issue of *The Christian Home.*

January

Be familiar with the missionary units in the regular church-school lesson materials and the units for use in additional sessions for primary and junior children. Be prepared to suggest helpful resources.

Read: *Child Guidance in Christian Living,*[1] *Trails for Juniors,*[1] *Pictures and Stories,*[1] *The Christian Home.*[1]

Report to Woman's Society on activities of children in the Sunday school and additional sessions.

February

Continue to cooperate in additional sessions.

March

Read: Spring issue of *World Friendship Bulletin* in The Methodist Woman for March.

Attend vacation church school institutes.

April

Cooperate in plans for Christian Family Week and Children's Day.

Share in plans for vacation church school.

Report on children's work to Woman's Society.

May

When juniors in your church meet in additional sessions each week, note the missionary unit in "Additional Sessions for Juniors" printed in *Child Guidance in Christian Living,*[1] May, 1954. Be ready with helpful resources.

Attend district meeting of Woman's Society.

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[1] Order from The Methodist Publishing House serving your territory.

Spiritual Life

Again I greet the secretaries of Spiritual Life of the Woman's Society of Christian Service and the Wesleyan Service Guild in the local churches. How vitally important you are to the responsibility that is ours—aiding the personal spiritual growth of the women of Methodism across the land.

Word has come to me many times that the 1953-54 calendar was very helpful. My hope is that this new calendar will serve to guide your activities through an even more successful year.

1804 Birch Street
Forest Grove, Oregon

(Mrs. J. W.) Louise Bunch

Mrs. J. W. Bunch
Chairman, Standing Committee on Spiritual Life

CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

June

Cooperate with your pastor in the promotion of the church-wide emphasis on the "Stewardship of Possessions."

Check the Spiritual Life bookshelf to see that it contains materials for circulation on prayer, personal devotions, evangelism, and stewardship.

Make plans for enrollment of the women of your church in the Fellowship of Intercession.

July

Plan to attend conference School of Missions and Christian Service.

Meet with the Committee on Program whenever it is called.

August

Call a meeting of the Committee on Spiritual Life to make plans for the quarter.

Reports are due. Fill in the blank as completely as possible.

September

Form prayer groups and make plans for retreats or times apart.

Begin preparations for the Week of Prayer and Self-Denial.

Suggest plans for use of the *Prayer Calendar.**

Encourage participation in World-wide Communion Sunday, October 3.

October

Emphasize family worship as a follow-up of the Family Life Conference, October 8-10.

Observe the Week of Prayer and Self-Denial.

November

Assist in planning for an observance of World Peace Sunday, November 7.

Hold a meeting of the Committee on Spiritual Life.

Plan a year-round program of visitation and literature distribution for shut-ins.

Reports are due. Be sure you answer paragraph VII.

December

Suggest ways to make Christmas more Christian.

Prepare for the time of Epiphany in January.

Order stewardship cards for January meeting.*

Cooperate in observance of Universal Bible Sunday, December 12.

January

Encourage personal daily quiet time for prayer, Bible reading, and meditation.

Observe Epiphany—a time of personal reconsecration.

Present stewardship cards to the women of the church.

Begin preparations for the Lenten season.

February

Hold the quarterly meeting of the Committee on Spiritual Life.

Observe World Day of Prayer.

Encourage new prayers groups for Lent.

Reports are due. Summarize progress and needs under paragraph VIII.

March

Cooperate with your pastor in the evangelistic emphasis leading up to Easter.

Plan for a Day Apart using the service in the February issue of The Methodist Woman.

April

Follow Easter with a stewardship emphasis.

Plan study of *The Master Calleth for Thee.** Order study books through the secretary of Literature.

May

Begin study of *The Master Calleth for Thee.**

Stress family worship as a part of the observance of National Family Week beginning May 1.

Call attention to Aldersgate Sunday, May 22.

Participate in Officer's Training Day.

Reports are due. Give a complete picture of activities by filling in every space on blank.

* Available from Literature Headquarters, 7820 Reading Road, Cincinnati 37, Ohio; or Distributing Offices.

Mrs. C. C. Long
Circulation Manager and Secretary of Literature

Literature and Publications

Dear Secretary:

Greetings to you, and sincere appreciation, as we work together in this most important phase of our work. May we remind you to give your *church account number* when you send your list of subscriptions to THE METHODIST WOMAN. And please order literature at least three weeks before you wish to use it. Study instruction pages in the *Catalogue* and the *Subscription Record Book*. If you are a new secretary, send correct name and address and the name and address of your church to THE METHODIST WOMAN, 7820 Reading Road, Cincinnati 37, Ohio.

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Cincinnati 37, Ohio

(Mrs. C. C.) Ruth A. Long

CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

JUNE

Secure combination subscription to THE METHODIST WOMAN and WORLD OUTLOOK from officers who are not subscribers. Write for new *Catalogue*.*

JULY

Take training in School of Missions. Assist, if requested, in the literature display rooms.

Order the *Program Book** and *Worship Booklet**; also *My Date Book*.*

Study and advocate use of new *Prayer Calendar*.*

Equip yourself for efficient service as a member of the Committee on Program.

AUGUST

Order the *Handbook for the Secretary of Literature and Publications*.*

Advise other secretaries of materials available.

Send quarterly report to your district secretary of Literature and Publications by September 1.

SEPTEMBER

Attend Officers' Training Day.

After receiving sample packet of Week of Prayer and Self-Denial materials from your district officer, give immediately to the secretary of Spiritual Life.

Order additional material for Week of Prayer from Literature Headquarters at least three weeks before observance.

Secure your renewals and new subscriptions for THE METHODIST WOMAN and WORLD OUTLOOK.

OCTOBER

Cooperate in a combination drive for subscriptions to THE METHODIST WOMAN and WORLD OUTLOOK.

NOVEMBER

Ask for time on program to *enthusiastically* present new literature (see back cover of THE METHODIST WOMAN).

Secure Christmas gift subscriptions to THE METHODIST WOMAN and WORLD OUTLOOK.

Send quarterly report to district secretary of Literature and Publications by December 1.

DECEMBER

With the Committee on Program, plan a welcome for new members in January. Suggest a gift from the Society of a year's subscription to THE METHODIST WOMAN for each new member.

JANUARY

Order *Fifteenth Annual Report of the Woman's Division*.*

Write an original skit for securing subscriptions.

FEBRUARY

Report with enthusiasm any new publication listed on the back page of THE METHODIST WOMAN.

Fill out correctly third quarterly report and mail to district secretary of Literature and Publications by March 1.

MARCH

Receive renewals for magazines. List names in THE METHODIST WOMAN *Subscription Record Book*. Book belongs to your Society for permanent record.

Order promotional materials to be used on Officers' Training Day.

APRIL

Plan a literature display and a shower of subscriptions for THE METHODIST WOMAN and WORLD OUTLOOK.

MAY

Order copies of *Program Book** and *Worship Booklet** for 1955-56.

Secure subscriptions—new and renewals.

Send fourth quarterly report by June 1.

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Supply Work

Mrs. C. A. Barr
Chairman, Standing Committee on Supply Work

Dear Secretary:

The corollary of privilege is always responsibility. Recognizing this fact, you will make a solemn pledge to give of yourself with new appreciation and renewed vigor in order to help meet the needs of our institutions and/or stations of work—through Supply Work. This is *your* year of opportunity; give of your best and thousands will be ministered to through "love's second-mile" giving.

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs. C. A.) Wilma Barr

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QUARTERLY CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

First Quarter—June, July, August

1. Study the revised *Handbook for Secretaries of Supply Work** and other material listed under "Supply Work Bookshelf," page 28 in the *Handbook*.

2. Attend Officers' Training Day of the Woman's Society.

3. Present the list of ASKINGS sent by the district (or conference) secretary of Supply Work to the Society for consideration and acceptance.

4. Meet with the secretary of Youth Work, the secretary of Children's Work, the chairman of Supply Work for the Wesleyan Service Guild, and the treasurer; discuss Supply Work and make plans for its promotion.

5. Make or collect articles needed by the institutions in the home field assigned to your Society.

6. Send quarterly report (including reports from the Wesleyan Service Guild, Youth, and Children) to the district secretary of Supply Work by September 1. Check with the treasurer to see that the Cash for Supply Work reported by you is the SAME amount as she sent in.

Second Quarter—September, October, November

1. Present the needs of home missions institutions to the Society in an interesting, challenging way. (See page 6 of *Handbook* for suggestions.)

2. Pack and send a Christmas box, or send cash to provide what has been listed by home missions institutions on your ASKINGS. If boxes are to be sent overseas, mail them in September but BE SURE the articles and/or materials have been *requested.* Cash for Supply Work is usually preferred on foreign fields because of high duty charges.

3. Send quarterly report to district secretary by September 1. Check with the treasurer on amounts sent for Cash for Supply Work.

4. Share letters acknowledging gifts with the Society.

Third Quarter—December, January, February

1. Take inventory to see what has been accomplished in Supply Work, and what must now be done to meet the remaining needs.

2. Present Supply Work to the Society, emphasizing needs in institutions in foreign fields. Suggest plans to meet them.

3. Send quarterly report to district secretary by March 1. Check with the treasurer on amounts sent for Cash for Supply Work.

Fourth Quarter—March, April, May

1. Make known any items on the ASKINGS list that have not been met. Perhaps an "S.O.S." has been sent to you by the district or conference secretary of Supply Work. Plan to direct an "over and above" gift to the institution and/or station of work in need.

2. Attend annual meeting of district Woman's Society of Christian Service.

3. Send quarterly and annual reports to district secretary by June 1. Check with the treasurer on amounts sent for Cash for Supply Work.

* Available from Literature Headquarters, 7320 Reading Road, Cincinnati 37, Ohio; or Distributing Offices. Price, 25 cents.

Mrs. W. H. Ratliff
Chairman, Standing Committee on Status of Women

Status of Women

We welcome new secretaries of Status of Women and extend greetings to all of you. The quarterly calendar is an effective approach to our work, so we use it again for 1954-55.

"The Lord said . . . , Stand on thy feet, and I will speak unto thee." As Christian women we learn to stand, that we may hear and answer the Lord's call to service.

Sherard, Mississippi (Mrs. W. H.) Cora R. Ratliff

QUARTERLY CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

First Quarter—June, July, August

Spend much time in personal preparation.

Subscribe to and read THE METHODIST WOMAN and WORLD OUTLOOK.

Secure and study the *Handbook on the Status of Women, A Guide,* and the 1952 *Discipline of The Methodist Church.*

Collect a reading and reference shelf for your personal enrichment and group guidance.

Keep a Clipping File of achievements of women in today's world.

As a member of the Committee on Program, keep before you:

1. Opportunities for the development of every woman.
2. Opportunities for service in the church and community.
3. Opportunities to present some phase of Status of Women work regularly. Make this varied and interesting.

Report to your district secretary on September 1. Answer every question as completely as possible.

Second Quarter—September, October, November

Make a survey of all the women in the local church, using the Service Activity Cards. This must be done annually, if it is to have current value. Make two sets of these cards, one for the pastor's study and one for the church office. Call the pastor's attention to names of women who have special qualifications for committees.

Participate in U.N. Day in October. Make available in an attractive way:

1. Information about women delegates to the U.N.
2. Information about the Status of Women Commission at the U.N. and what it has accomplished.

Continue to cooperate in the National Citizens' Roll Call.

Report to your district secretary on December 1. Be sure to fill in paragraph II.

Third Quarter—December, January, February

Study your local church as to:

1. The percentage of women members.
2. The percentage of voluntary work hours given by women.
3. The percentage of financial support given by women.
4. The percentage of women serving on policy making boards of the church.

Secure the poster, "The Legal Status of Women in The Methodist Church." Compare your findings as to where women are serving and where women may serve and report to your local Society. We want to use, more adequately, this vast resource of talent and devotion.

Secure the Annual Report from the Women's Bureau of the Department of Labor in Washington, D. C. Bring findings from this to your Woman's Society.

Report to your district secretary March 1. Include items under the Summary.

Fouth Quarter—March, April, May

Watch the last page of THE METHODIST WOMAN for all new publications relating to Status of Women. Secure this material and present to your Society.

Build your own reserve of trained leaders:

1. Cultivate young mothers.
2. Cooperate with the Wesleyan Service Guild in finding opportunities for service in church and community.
3. Provide special interests and satisfying service activities for mothers who have some free time, increasing these services as the free time increases.

Report to your district secretary June 1. Give her a clear picture of your activities and accomplishments.

An Apostle of Widening Fellowship

Miss Theressa Hoover leaving the New York Airport

ON THE interest of widening fellowship, Miss Theressa Hoover, field worker of the Woman's Division, has visited India and Pakistan this past winter. It was felt that Miss Hoover's visitation of the field would do much to make vivid the interpretation of the local situation in India to the local Societies at home, and vice versa. Reports of her visitation have already borne this out.

Miss Hoover's experiences as a field worker in this country have brought her close to large Societies and small, general church and specific women's groups, in all parts of our country; and her talent for *people* has been made manifest in India, as here. From her letters one has the impression of constant rapid motion, of penetrating insight undimmed by fatigue or crowded schedule, and of a constantly widening fellowship through sincere concern for individuals in all kinds of groups.

A representative Sunday schedule included three different morning church services, one in a small village, "none of which I understood." Speaking in one through an interpreter, in another in English to the official board. In the evening, attendance at the English-speaking church in Bombay.

The visitation has included hospitals, sanatoriums, and visits with the nurse to the homes of patients. The United Christian Hospital in Lahore, Pakistan, was of particular interest as being a union project and for its progressive program, including plastic surgery.

The wide range of educational work in India and Pakistan is reflected in Miss Hoover's letters: from rural village to campus chapel; men and women, boys and girls; the young woman who guided her in a tour of the colleges of the city of Hyderabad, herself getting her Ph.D. degree in political science; the proud sixty-year-old father, product of the Laubach method, who was being taught to read by his ten-year-old son; the group of non-Christian college students that Miss Hoover was asked to address and for which she delayed her schedule a day—for, "This I can't miss."

Frequent references are to Woman's Societies where she was asked to speak. In a Santal village (the Santals are an aboriginal group) she was present for a Woman's Society of Christian Service District Rally, where many of the women walked three miles each way to attend, and where one Society of twenty members had seventeen of them present at the Rally. She notes the significance of the substantial part taken in the local Societies by high school girls, "quite different from our attitude toward high school girls."

Traveling by plane, train, river boat, bus, jeep, pick-up truck, bullock cart for 12 miles (4 hours!) through the jungle, Miss Hoover's chief interest and concern is essentially for *people*. She has visited cottage industries and city bazaars; has seen village people of the lowest caste, taking pride in their church and homes; witnessed a beautifully presented Christmas drama given by the servants of two compounds. "Seldom does the servant class have a chance for creative expression." All is evidence of a truly widening fellowship which will be an ever expanding one, as she helps us here in the homeland see these new friends through her sympathetic and discerning eyes.

Widening Fellowship—Miss Hoover in India

Circles WORSHIP AND PROGRAM SUGGESTIONS

Advice to Program Planners

Problem: **THE METHODIST WOMAN arrives too late for us to use the Program Suggestions for the month.**

Solution: **No problem. Circle programs are not dated or scheduled. They may be presented any month. If time is a factor, use the April suggestions for the May meeting, and hold the program printed this month until later. Or perhaps your circle would like to spend more time on topics which appeared in earlier issues. Anyway, remember that the program which follows is not *the* May program necessarily. It is *a* program to be used whenever you choose.**

Service of Worship

The meditations for the circle programs have been prepared for the past two years by members of various units of the World Federation of Methodist Women. Now and then a manuscript fails to arrive in time. That happened this month. We are substituting a portion of a service of worship which was used at the meeting of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Ipoh Area, Malaya. Bishop and Mrs. Clifford Northcott of the Wisconsin Area were in Malaya at the time, and both spoke at this district conference.

HYMN: "O Zion, Haste, Thy Mission High Fulfilling" (*The Methodist Hymnal,* No. 475)

SCRIPTURE READING: Ephesians 4:1-7, 11-16.

UNISON READING: "The Kingdom of Heaven is at hand. It is at hand if you go straight toward it, but if you take byways and indirect paths, you will never get there.

"The Kingdom of God means replacing your will by His, leaving the ground where you are master for the sphere (spiritual) where He rules. As one throws himself into the water, so also the Kingdom is entered by a leap into the void. It means repentance with faith; then one reaches it immediately, recognizing that it was close by.

"But men, holding eagerly to the earth and not wishing to relinquish the conduct of their own affairs until the last possible moment, have sought for oblique ways that would lead to the Kingdom of God by a longer journey but without a jolt, evading the dangerous leap into the void of faith. . . . We try to draw near to God by busying ourselves with societies and with means of being fed, clothed, and educated by science and ethics. It is as though a person who had to get into the sea, skirted it at length, walking along the beach. To penetrate into the new sphere (spiritual), we must come out of our own (the material). What good is a useless journey? Bypaths do not lead to the goal."

SILENT PRAYER

SOLO: "Open Mine Eyes." (*Remain in prayer.*)

MEDITATION: The Beatitudes. (*Leader will pause after each, allowing the group to consider the questions personally.*)

LEADER: Let us consider one by one the Beatitudes of our Lord, and think individually of our own relation to them.

1. "Blessed are the poor in spirit." Am I one of them? Or have I been proud, ready to assert myself, insisting on my due?

2. "Blessed are they that mourn." Am I one of them? Have I mourned for my sin? Do I grieve for the evil that is done? Am I open to the comfort of His Spirit?

3. "Blessed are the meek." Have I shown myself gentle and sympathetic? Forbearing—patient? Slow to take offense?

4. "Blessed are they that hunger and thirst after righteousness." Do I long to do right and to see right done on earth? Do I seek fellowship with God and my fellowmen?

5. "Blessed are the merciful." Do I show forgiveness? Am I ready to help those who need spiritual help? Shall I receive mercy?

6. "Blessed are the pure in heart." Do I guard my thoughts? My acts?

7. "Blessed are the peacemakers." Am I helping to make peace or do I stir up restlessness, anxiety, strife, and destructive criticism?

8. "Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake." Am I prepared to meet anything that happens in our world, with faith that God rules all and life is eternal?

UNISON PRAYER: Have mercy upon us, O God; heal our souls.

HYMN: "Breathe on Me, Breath of God" (*The Methodist Hymnal,* No. 180)

PROGRAM SUGGESTIONS:

1. The Woman's Society of Christian Service is a connectional organization. Demonstrate this through a program on Know Your Officers—local, district, conference, jurisdiction, Division. This may be done orally by choosing sides and having a "spell down." Or slips of paper may be prepared for the women, working in groups of three or four, to write down the names of the leaders in the five categories for each office. Sounds like a chore? Then choose about thirty names. Scramble the names and office and let the circle members unscramble them.

2. Give a preview of the Assembly from the announcements in both THE METHODIST WOMAN and WORLD OUTLOOK concerning the speakers and programs; with review of the profile on Mrs. Perez in the April issue of WORLD OUTLOOK, and the profile of Dr. Sockman plus "Life for Retired Workers," both in the May issue of WORLD OUTLOOK. Call attention to the Service of Worship, page 24, this issue.

3. Quiz: Finish these sentences—
   a. "Those now familiar concentric circles. . . ."
   b. "Traveling by plane, train. . . ."
   c. "Africa will pay for his passage. . . ."
   d. "It is a wonderful thought. . . ."
   e. "Despite the rapid increase. . . ."

ASSEMBLY DINNERS

There will be Fellowship Dinners at the Assembly in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, on Tuesday, May 25, at 5:30 P.M., and Jurisdiction Dinners on Thursday, May 27, at 5:30 P.M.

Admission will be by ticket only, which must be purchased in advance. Price $2.50 each, gratuities included. *Tickets must be paid for when ordered.*

Dinner tickets will be mailed to those who have made reservation before May 10. Following that date, any available tickets may be purchased at the Auditorium in Milwaukee at time of registration.

Checks or money orders are to be made out to the Woman's Division of Christian Service and sent *by May 10* to

Miss Dorcas Hall
Room 513
150 Fifth Avenue
New York 11, N. Y.

RADIO AND TELEVISION

Watch for the announcement in the June issue of THE METHODIST WOMAN for the time schedule and stations over which radio and television programs will be given.

ATTENTION, DEACONESSES!

The month of June has been designated as a time to make contributions toward the erection of a chapel at the deaconess motherhouse in Hamburg, Germany. Send your contribution to the treasurer of your Jurisdiction Deaconess Association.

FOURTH ASSEMBLY

MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN, MAY 25-28, 1954

HOTELS FOR VISITORS AND DELEGATES

If the room rate you request is not available, next higher rate will prevail.

Ambassador Hotel, 2308 West Wisconsin Avenue
- Double-bed room, with bath—$7.50 to $10.00
- Twin-bed room, with bath—$8.00
- Dormitory apartment (4-6 persons)—$18.00 per apartment

East Way Hotel, 636 North Van Buren Street
- Double-bed room, with bath—$4.50 to $5.00

Medford Hotel, 605 North 3rd Street
- Double-bed room, with bath—$6.00, $6.50, $7.00
- Twin-bed room, with bath—$7.50, $8.00, $8.50, $9.00
- Twin-bed room, without bath—$5.50

Hotel Pfister, 424 East Wisconsin Avenue
- Double-bed room, with bath—$7.00, $8.00, $9.00, $10.00
- Twin-bed room, with bath—$7.50, $9.00, $10.50, $12.00
- Dormitories (4-7 persons)—$3.50 per person

Plankinton House, N. Plankinton Avenue at W. Michigan Street
- Double-bed room, with bath—$7.00, $7.50, $8.00, $8.50
- Twin-bed room, with bath—$8.00, $9.00, $10.00
- Dormitories (4 or more persons)—$3.50 per person

Schroeder Hotel, N. 5th Street at W. Wisconsin Avenue
- Double-bed room, with bath—$7.00 to $10.00
- Twin-bed room, with bath—$8.50 to $12.00
- Dormitories (4 or more persons)—$3.50 per person

Wisconsin Hotel, 720 North 3rd Street
- Double-bed room with bath—$6.50 to $10.00
- Double-bed room, without bath—$5.00 to $5.50
- Twin-bed room, with bath—$10.00
- Twin-bed room, without bath—$5.75
- Room for three with bath—$12.50
- Room for four with bath—$15.00
- Dormitories, housing 5 or 6—$3.00 per person

Motels

Several motels are available around Milwaukee; however, deposits are required on all motels. For information write: Mrs. Carl Romanik, 500 E. Burleigh Street, Milwaukee 12, Wisconsin.

PRIVATE HOUSING

Members of the Woman's Society of Christian Service in Milwaukee and its suburbs will welcome guests in their homes during the ASSEMBLY. If you desire home entertainment, please fill in the form printed below and mail to:

Mrs. R. Lee Hundley, Route 1, Thiensville, Wisconsin

Name_____

Street and No._____

City and State_____

Conference_____

Jurisdiction_____

Reserve (in private home):

Single room at $2.50 per day_____

Double room at $5.00 per day_____

Date of Arrival in Milwaukee_____

Date of Departure from Milwaukee_____

Please Check:

If you are a missionary or deaconess_____

If you will have your own means of transportation while in Milwaukee_____

Confirmation of your reservation will be mailed to you.

Speakers

Fourth Assembly—Woman's Society of Christian Service

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BISHOP ARTHUR J. MOORE
Atlanta Area
President of Board of Missions

BISHOP H. CLIFFORD NORTHCOTT
Wisconsin Area

MRS. FRANK G. BROOKS
President, Woman's Division

Theme—Jesu

TUESDAY, MAY 25—2:00 p.m.
Theme—"The Truth, the Life, the Way"
Assembly Interpretation—Mrs. Frank G. Brooks
Music—Scarritt College Choir
Greetings—Bishop H. Clifford Northcott
Bishop Matthew W. Clair, Jr.
Meditation—Bishop Newell S. Booth
Holy Communion

5:30 p.m., FELLOWSHIP DINNERS

Evening Session—7:45 p.m.
Theme—"The Christian and World Peace"
Introduction of Missionaries and Deaconesses
Music—Scarritt College Double Quartette
Address—Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam

WEDNESDAY, MAY 26—9 a.m.
Theme—"All Life Is Larger for Thy Law"
Meditation—Bishop Newell S. Booth
Address—Mrs. Ascuncion A. Perez
Music—Bennett College Choir
Address—Mr. Eduardo Mondlane
"All Life Is Larger for Thy Law"—Script by Miss Ruth Harris
Afternoon Session—2:15 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Conversation Groups: Theme—"How Can We Interpret 'Jesus Christ—The Way' in National and International Affairs?"
Evening Session—7:45 p.m.
Service of Worship with Collegiate Choir of Illinois Wesleyan University
Lloyd Pfautsch, Conductor

BISHOP NEWELL S. BOOTH
Elisabethville Area, Africa

DR. GEORGIA HARKNESS
Professor of Applied Theology
Pacific School of Religion,
Berkeley, Calif.

DR. RALPH W. SOCKMAN,
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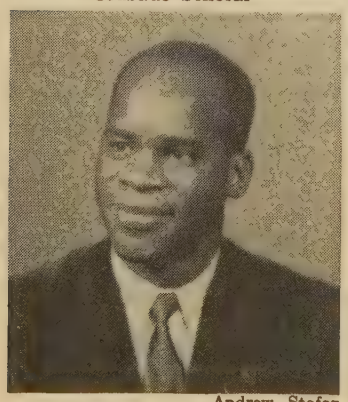
New York, N. Y.

MR. EDUARDO MONDLANE
Crusade Scholar



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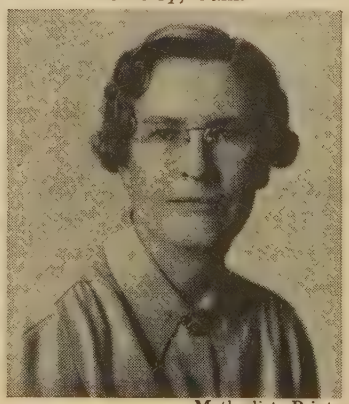

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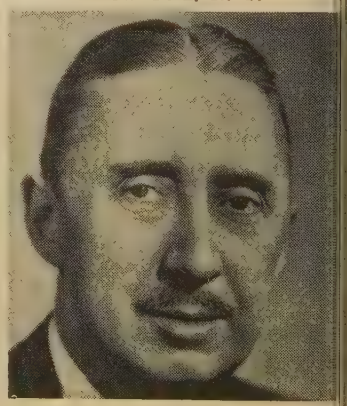

Program

Milwaukee, Wisconsin, May 25-28, 1954

BISHOP MATTHEW W. CLAIR, JR.
St. Louis Area

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BISHOP G. BROMLEY OXNAM
Washington Area
A President of the
World Council of Churches

st—the Way

Address—Dr. Ralph W. Sockman
Presentation of Gifts from Conferences
Service of Commissioning for New Missionaries and Deaconesses—Bishop Arthur J. Moore

THURSDAY, MAY 27—9 a.m.
Theme—"For the Facing of This Hour"
Meditation—Bishop Newell S. Booth
Music—Bennett College Choir
Address—Dr. Charles W. Ranson

Afternoon Session—2:15 p.m.-4:30 p.m.
Conversation Groups: Theme—"How Can We Interpret 'Jesus Christ—The Way' Through the Missionary Enterprise?"

5:30 p.m., JURISDICTION DINNERS

Evening Session—7:45 p.m.
Theme—"The World Church"
Music—National College Choir
Addresses—Bishop Shot K. Mondol
Dr. Helen Kim
Dr. Georgia Harkness

FRIDAY, MAY 28—9:00 a.m.
Theme—"We Follow the Way"
Music—National College Choir
Panel—"Interpreters of the Way"
Pledge Service
Meditation—Bishop Newell S. Booth

Adjournment 12:30 p.m.

BISHOP SHOT K. MONDOL
Hyderabad Area, India

DR. HELEN KIM, President
Ewha University, Seoul, Korea

DR. CHARLES W. RANSON
Executive Secretary, International
Missionary Council

MRS. ASCUNCION A PEREZ
Methodist leader and former
Commissioner of Public Health
and Welfare of the Philippines

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Jesus Christ—The Way

To be used by Woman's Societies around the world on the day of the opening session of the Fourth Assembly of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, May 25-28, 1954.*

INSTRUMENTAL PRELUDE *(a medley of the music of missionary hymns, including that of "In Christ There Is No East or West," No. 507; "The Kingdom Is Coming," No. 483; "The Morning Light Is Breaking," No. 487; would be appropriate)*

PROLOGUE TO WORSHIP *(for each person to read silently while she waits for the service to begin)*

As our eyes turn upward to eternal brightness on a starry night, as flowers close at eventide to gain strength through rest for another day, as hearts turn to the "hills, from whence cometh . . . help," we who are as one around the world today unite our hearts in worship. Not as part of a program, not as a method toward an end, but for real worship from which springs an awareness of the continuing presence of a loving God, our Father, and of his Son, Jesus Christ—the Way!

In real worship, life is both horizontal and vertical. We see ourselves in a unique relation to those about us, as well as to God. We find definite qualities of life and possibilities of growth in our human relationships and in our relationship to God. We find a work to do and a consecrated service to share. We recognize human life as the crowning glory of God's creation.

Into this service of worship have been woven contributions of Methodist women in five nations. As the Quadrennial Assembly of the Woman's Society of Christian Service opens in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, United States of America, Methodist women in thousands of societies in the United States and in twenty-seven other lands are proclaiming the Assembly theme: "Jesus Christ—The Way."

May we, in worship, remember Peter's experience—that as Jesus led him into the Way of abundant life, the simple fisherman was also led into consecrated service; that as day by day he matured spiritually, he discovered the reality of the Divine Father who ordained the mission of his Master.

May we, in worship, proclaim from hungering yet jubilant hearts the Way, assured that it lifts above the nations the brotherhood of all.

May we, in worship, uphold one another within the fellowship of concern to feel the poignant Presence and to hear the call of the restless world.

May we, in worship, remember the power of the Upper Room and direct our hearts, on this day, to God in behalf of the delegates, deaconesses, missionaries, and others of the Woman's Society of Christian Service at the Assembly, who along with us proclaim Jesus Christ—the Way.

Let us PRAY with assurance, knowing that God has touched hearts around the world, and extend our embrace to all, that we may be one in this opening hour of the Assembly.

Let us SING each hymn with joy and lift up the tidings of "Jesus Christ—the Way" with thousands of other women on this eventful day.

Let us MEDITATE in the spirit of love, that together we may experience a blessed community of Christian believers within our binding tie of sisterhood.

By devoted worship, a child in Assisi, Italy, became a saint; through patient meditation a prisoner wrote *Pilgrim's Progress;* from a searching heart trying to express Divine Love, came *The Messiah;* through prayer-perfect, the Man in Galilee proved himself to be the Way—to the abundant life, to consecrated service, and to God.

JESUS CHRIST—THE WAY

CALL TO WORSHIP *(leader)*

In the quietness of worship
Comes thy Spirit silently.
Every restless moment leaving,
Lord, we would commune with thee.
Jesus Saviour, draw thou near us.
Jesus Saviour, hear our prayer.
Thou art near us,
Thou wilt hear us,
Lord, we lift our hearts to thee.[1]

HYMN No. 164: "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"

PRAYER FOR THE ASSEMBLY *(directed by leader)*

O Thou, by whom we come to God,
The Life, the Truth, the Way;
The path of prayer Thyself hast trod:
Lord, teach us how to pray![2]

Let us pray that the *truth* of Christ may be so revealed to those at the Assembly that their actions may be daring and adventurous and that their insight and vision be sufficient for the service demanded in this day.

A pause for silent prayer

Let us pray that the *love* of Christ may be so deeply experienced in the fellowship of those assembled at Milwaukee that all barriers of race, color, and social position may melt into one great consciousness of God's power to unite all peoples and all nations.

A pause for silent prayer

Let us pray that the *life* of Christ may be presented to Methodist women with such impelling power that they may be led to discover new and more effective ways to share the abundant life of Christ.

A pause for silent prayer

* Reprints available from Literature Headquarters; see back cover of this issue for price.

Leader and group (in unison): God, our Father, grant these petitions of our hearts for thy wisdom and guidance for those at the Assembly. We have prayed in faith, knowing that in these troubled times only thy power made manifest through thy believing children can save this world for the fulfillment of thy divine purposes. Grant such surrender to thy will, for us as individuals and for our great church, that fresh spiritual forces may be released into the world. In the name of Jesus Christ—the Way. Amen.

JESUS CHRIST—THE WAY TO ABUNDANT LIFE

MEDITATION *(leader; slowly, distinctly)*

God made one only way! One living way!
Wouldest thou find Him? Wander not astray,
Strange paths wind on; as far as eye can see
Christ is the only way of life for thee.

God made one only way! Set thy feet here,
Where His own footprints even yet are clear;
The Way! Yea! The beginning and the end
Is Christ Himself, thy master and thy Friend.[3]

As the late afternoon sun spread over the lake of the fertile valley, small fishing boats quietly hugged the familiar shore line. Their returning by sunlight signified an unprofitable day. Without conversation the fishermen had anchored their boats, spread their nets out upon the ground; and work was over for another day.

The tranquility was broken now and then by wooden bobs hitting the bottom of one of the boats as a solitary fisherman mended his nets.

The Teacher of Galilee approached the fisherman, and as he stood among the drying nets, he talked about citizenship in his kingdom.

After Peter was called to the abundant life, he became more than just Peter—he became Peter with a purpose and a Master; he became a greater personality with a larger plan for life.

Surely Jesus did not offer the abundant life to Peter because he was a leader among fishermen but rather because Jesus saw a timelessness in Peter's personality and knew that he could fit it into the kingdom of God. Jesus did not call Peter for what he had in material possessions but for what he could give of spiritual value. There was an inner deposit of depth and longing for abundant life.

Being called by Jesus is not just a calling to follow a way of life; it is a calling to follow *the* Way of abundant life. It is not just a calling to follow a direction; it is a calling to follow a Person. In him we find abundant life, and that life is for all mankind.

Finding the Way to abundant life, a man named Paul carried the fires of Christian faith through village and metropolis! Finding the Way to abundant life, a cook in a monastery kitchen long ago practiced the Presence of God. Finding the Way to abundant life, a young man was inspired to paint the incomparable "Last Supper."

Others, too, were called by Jesus Christ—the Way to abundant life.

An aged Indian woman expressed it in these words: "It was as though my life had been spent wandering about in the brush. Then when I found the Way, it was as if I were coming into a clearing. The sunlight shone through. I could move about freely. I could see. I was free."

A Negro woman said: "Jesus Christ, the way, means the way to live every day. He expects me to be honest, to be fair in all my dealings, to be kind. I cannot tell it in words. I can only show it by the way I live."

A Mexican woman said: "Where I live we have the *Camino Real*—the Royal Highway. It was an old road that had to be changed and made better. The Way of Jesus does not have to be made better. From the start it is perfect. It is always the right way and it is not just a method; it is love for Jesus that makes us want no other way."

MUSIC *(solo or choral selection):* "O Divine Redeemer" [4]

SILENT PRAYER *(by group; with musical accompaniment, "Cushman," No. 113)*

VOCAL PRAYER *(leader and group in unison):* Dear God, our Father, who through the Way hast called us to abundant life, refresh us now with an awareness of thy presence and thy loving concern for each of thy children, everywhere. In this service today we pray that countless Christians may acknowledge thy Son to be the Way to abundant life. Quiet our minds, that we may renew the joy that is ours; make us springs of strength in dedication; and inspire us in our corner to be witnesses within the widening fellowship of the world. Father, we know that "without the Way there is no going, without the Truth there is no knowing, and without the Life there is no living." Amen.

JESUS CHRIST—THE WAY TO CONSECRATED SERVICE

PRAYER *(leader)*

Consecrate me now to Thy service, Lord,
By the power of grace divine;
Let my soul look up with a steadfast hope,
And my will be lost in Thine.[5]

HYMN No. 331: "Christ's Life Our Code," the Assembly theme hymn (tune, "Copeland" or "Rimington")

Christ's life our code, His cross our creed,
Our common, glad confession be;
Our deepest wants, our highest aims,
Find their fulfillment, Lord, in Thee.

Dear Son of God! Thy blessed will
Our hearts would own, with saints above;
All life is larger for Thy law,
All service sweeter for Thy love.

Thy life our code! in letters clear
We read our duty, day by day,
Thy footsteps tracing eagerly,
Who art the Truth, the Life, the Way.

Thy cross our creed! Thy boundless love
A ransomed world at last shall laud,
And crown Thee their eternal King,
O Lord of Glory! Lamb of God!

Till then, to Thee our souls aspire
In ardent prayer and earnest deed,
With love like Thine, confessing, still,
Christ's life our code! His cross our creed![6]

MEDITATION

Leader (slowly, distinctly): It was a hot day in Samaria. Jesus and his twelve disciples stopped at a well. As the sun poured its scorching rays upon the earth, few Samaritans trod the roadway. After slight conversation, the Twelve departed to obtain food, and Jesus sitting alone must have heard the shuffle of sandals on the dusty road. Looking around he saw a woman approaching with a water jug on her head. This was unusual, for it was customary to draw water at eventide when all the village women could come to the well and exchange news of the day's activities.

"Give me a drink," Jesus said to her. She expressed surprise that he, a Jew, should ask her, a Samaritan, for water. Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water."

Then the woman said to him, "Sir, you have nothing to draw with, and the well is deep; where do you get that living water?"

Jesus said to her, "Every one who drinks of this water will thirst again, but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst again; the water that I shall give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, that I may not thirst, nor come here to draw."[7]

And many Samaritans believed in Jesus because of the woman's testimony as she told of her experience beside the well at noonday.

In this hour we worship with women around the world who are bound together because they have been to the well of living water. And just as the disciples themselves were different in background, dialect, and response to him, so, too, are we different, and of greater differences. Some of us arrived at the well early in life, at the dawn of the day, some at noonday, and some at eventide; some carry shallow cups, knowing of the living water but not expecting much; some carry cups holding water for one day without reserve; some carry deep cups, that there may be enough for others.

Yet we are bound together as we carry the cup of common hope,
that the mourners shall be comforted,
that the meek shall inherit—
that the merciful shall obtain—
that the pure in heart shall see—
that the peacemakers shall be called—

We are bound by a common faith in the promises: "Lo, I am with you always" and "My peace I give unto you," which we all hold dear.

Each of us carries a supply of spiritual life and with it goes forth to serve. We have been to the well and received the living water. Our supply must never run out but be ever running over to help someone else. That was Jesus' mission, and if we would be his disciples, we too must accept that mission.

As we follow the Way, may we let the light of God himself shine through our service. May we be willing to be "struck into flame" by the touch of God.

O Thou who didst touch us once,
Touch us again;
That we may see a vision through all the tension of this nervous age.
That we may lift our little cups to be filled with living water by Thy holy hands.
Touch us again Lord;
That we may direct our little streams of interest into deep channels of concern and challenge;
That we may design a pattern of devoted zeal within our hearts,
Touch us again, Lord;
That we may step upward and dedicate ourselves to Thee,
Assured our love must unceasing be,
For Thou art unceasing in Thy eternal love.
Help us begin where we are right now—but first,
Touch us again, Lord.[8]

AN ACT OF DEDICATION TO SERVICE —TO THE WAY

Soloist

O Jesus, Thou hast promised
To all who follow Thee
That where Thou art in glory
There shall Thy servant be;
And, Jesus, I have promised
To serve Thee to the end;
O give me grace to follow,
My Master and my Friend.[9]

Group

Take my life, and let it be
Consecrated, Lord, to Thee.
Take my moments and my days;
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands, and let them move
At the impulse of Thy love.
Take my feet, and let them be
Swift and beautiful for Thee.[10]

Leader: The Way to consecrated service begins in the purity of our thoughts, in our attitudes toward our fellow beings, in the sincerity with which we deal with our friends, and in the nobleness of our forgiveness.

Group: Father, may we ever be serving and let our enthusiasm be contagious.

Leader: The Way to consecrated service begins when we are alone, in the recollection of our deeds and of the effect they have had upon us.

Group: Father, may we ever be serving, and may our contribution be worthy of our Christian calling.

Leader: The Way to consecrated service begins where with hands and feet we serve in small ways, when our spiritual lives raise us above weariness, when we seek God anew through Jesus Christ, when we daily find fresh cause for joy, when we realize the abiding sense of God's presence, and a peace that passes all understanding.

Group: Father, may we ever be serving and investing these days to the honor and glory of thy name.

Leader (speaking slowly to an accompaniment of music): Only

as Christ abides in the men and women of the world can his kingdom be established here. St. Teresa, a woman consecrated to service long ago, said, "Christ has no body on earth now but yours, no hands but yours, no feet but yours. Yours are the eyes with which to mirror Christ's compassion to the world. Yours are the feet with which He is to go about doing good, and yours are the hands with which He is to bless us now."

Let us pray for the furtherance of the work we are promoting in Christ's name. *(Pause)*

In silence let us accept our responsibility and dedicate our lives to God—the Life, the Truth, and the Way. *(Pause)*

PRAYER *(group and leader in unison):* Heavenly Father, make us all missionaries, beginning where we are right now. Let us this day learn something new that will give us a great concern and lead us into a larger love. Make us all missionaries to ourselves, that we may widen our thoughts and transform them to include more of thy world. Stretch our hearts to love all our neighbors, and may we strengthen our wills to express our beliefs in deeds for thee. In the name of Jesus Christ—the Way. Amen.

JESUS CHRIST—THE WAY TO GOD

PRAYER *(leader)*

Lead us, O Father, in the paths of peace:
Without Thy guiding hand we go astray,
And doubts appall, and sorrows still increase;
Lead us through Christ, the true and living Way.[11]

SILENT PRAYER

SCRIPTURE *(leader)*

Whither I go ye know, and the way ye know.

Thomas saith unto him, Lord, we know not whither thou goest; and how can we know the way?

Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me. If ye had known me, ye should have known my Father also: and from henceforth ye know him, and have seen him.

Philip saith unto him, Lord, shew us the Father, and it sufficeth us.

Jesus saith unto him, Have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known me, Philip? he that hath seen me hath seen the Father; and how sayest thou then, Shew us the Father? Believest thou not that I am in the Father, and the Father in me? the words that I speak unto you I speak not of myself: but the Father that dwelleth in me, he doeth the works. Believe me that I am in the Father, and the Father in me: or else believe me for the very works' sake. Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father. And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will do it.

If ye love me, keep my commandments.[12]

This is the way, walk ye in it . . .[13]

HYMN No. 8: "Let All the World in Every Corner Sing"

RESPONSIVE READING

Leader: Today, as every day, God is near. May his Presence invade and bind us together as seeking children within his Divine Fatherhood.

Group: Invade us and bind us, our Father, as children of the Way.

Leader: Today, as every day, God is calling. May our hearts expand with concern and our hands join around the perplexed world.

Group: Expand our hearts, our Father, as children of the Way.

Leader: Today, as every day, God is part of our innermost souls. Let us be sparked by the fire of his Divine Fellowship.

Group: Spark our souls, our Father, as children of the Way.

Leader: Jesus Christ stands in a unique relation to the Father and to humanity. He is the revelation of what God is and what we may become. Our acceptance of him as the Way means accepting him personally as Guide, as Friend, and as Redeemer, with a continuing determination to be what he wants us to be in discipleship. As crowning creations in the image of God, we may come only as close to God as the Godlikeness of Jesus who lived in perfect obedience to the law of God—the Way to life itself.

Lord of all life, below, above,
Thy glory flames from sun and star;
Center and soul of every sphere,
Yet to each loving heart how near![14]

HYMN No. 480: "O Master of the Waking World"

CLOSING PRAYER *(in unison)*

Oh, Haunting Spirit of the Ever True,
Keep Thou the pressure of Thy way upon us.
We see a world too big to grasp;
We glimpse a city too far off to reach;
We trudge a way too long to walk;
We feel a truth too pure to understand.
We have a purpose that we cannot prove;
A life to live beyond the power of living;
A vision, time nor energy cannot contain;
But faith that all our effort will not be in vain.
Oh, Haunting Spirit of the Ever True,
Keep Thou the pressure of Thy way upon us.[15]

This service was prepared by Mrs. Donald Struchen, Secretary of Spiritual Life of the Erie Conference of the Northeastern Jurisdiction Woman's Society of Christian Service in the United States of America.

All numbers of hymns and tunes, including those in the footnotes, refer to *The Methodist Hymnal*.

To the Committee Planning This Service

Several women, at least three, should be selected to share in the leadership of this service; certainly no *one* person should read all the parts—meditations, Scripture, prayers—in which the group does not audibly participate. Only those women who can speak distinctly and slowly should be chosen.

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[1] Lucille Shanklin Hull. Used by permission.
[2] James Montgomery, 1771-1854. (Hymn No. 303)
[3] Edith Hickman Divall. Quoted from *Mountain Trailways for Youth*, compiled by Mrs. Charles E. Cowman (Los Angeles: The Oriental Missionary Society, 1947).
[4] Charles Gounod. Order sheet music from G. Schirmer, Inc., 3 E. 43rd Street, New York 17, N. Y. Solo, price 60 cents; 3 parts for women, 22 cents.
[5] Fanny J. Crosby, 1320-1915. (Hymn No. 252)
[6] Benjamin Copeland, 1855-1940. (Hymn No. 331)
[7] The quoted selections are from John 4:10-15 of the Revised Standard Version of the New Testament. Used by permission.
[8] By the author of this service.
[9] John E. Bode, 1816-1874. (Hymn No. 226)
[10] Frances R. Havergal, 1836-1879. (Hymn No. 225)
[11] William H. Burleigh, 1812-1871. (Hymn No. 271)
[12] John 14:4-15, King James Version. The paragraphing of these fifteen verses of the Gospel of John is that of the writer of this service.
[13] Isaiah 30:21.
[14] Oliver W. Holmes, 1809-1894. (Hymn No. 62)
[15] Allan Knight Chalmers, *The Commonplace Prodigal* (New York: Henry Holt and Company, 1934), p. 99. Used by permission of the author.

WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD

LILLIAN A. JOHNSON, *Secretary*

Guild Woman of the Month

Miss Maude Williams

GUILD Woman of the Month is Miss Maude Williams of Baltimore, Maryland. She is a member of Ames Methodist Church and has been a member of the Wesleyan Service Guild for the past eight years. She was recently honored at a reception held during Washington Conference Guild Weekend in appreciation of her capable and devoted service as Conference Guild Chairman of Spiritual Life. Miss Williams is employed as case supervisor in the Children's Division of the Department of Public Welfare in Baltimore. She says about her work, "In the field of child placement, it is the foster parents who must provide experiences which will offer children the opportunity to develop wholesome relationships with all those whom they meet in life. The case worker's job is to help both child and foster parents to achieve this relationship." Miss Williams has excellent training for this type of work with Master's degree in Social Work from the University of work with a Master's degree in Work, and the degree of Master of Science in Social Work from the Catholic University of America.

Her answers to our questions:

How did you become interested in the Guild? "I helped to organize the Woman's Society of Christian Service in my church and became fascinated with its program and set out to learn more about the whole Woman's Division. I helped to organize the Guild and liked it because its program met my needs as an employed woman. I subscribe to its principles and practices wholeheartedly."

How has the Guild helped you in your life and work? "When God created man, He created a relationship without which an individual cannot become a person. The structure of this relationship is necessary for meaningful human existence. In the Wesleyan Service Guild we use God's gift of relationship in a positive and constructive way for fulfillment and life."

How has your vocation helped you to a deeper understanding of the ways in which you can serve as a Guild member? "My first-hand knowledge of the needs of children in foster care enables me to suggest worth-while community projects, and also to suggest programs on our work abroad. It affords me an opportunity to see to it that God's structure of relationship is not destroyed. In other words, I use my convictions to help the group keep its relationship with the world of persons and not become identified with the world of things."

Guild Assembly Weekend

Are you on your way? The Milwaukee people are making great plans for you. Your hostesses there will be, Mrs. Carl Romanik, who is in charge of arrangements, Miss Keith Ann Nelson, Wisconsin Conference secretary, and Miss Laurinda Hampton, West Wisconsin Conference secretary. Look for them when you arrive at the Schroeder Hotel on Friday afternoon for registration. Wear your Guild pin on the way.

JUNE PROGRAM SUGGESTIONS

"Students in Today's World"

(Program book, page 115)

At the Workshop on Educational Opportunities in North Central Jurisdiction School of Missions and Christian Service last summer, the Guild members of the group were asked to suggest ways to present the June program. They did it in the form of a playlet in which they pretended they were the members of a committee meeting to outline the program. They came up with the idea of having this meeting a dinner party honoring senior high school girls at the time of their graduation. Each girl was to be invited by one of the members of the Guild and was to be her guest for the evening. One of them was to be asked to lead the worship service, and a young woman who had served in a Student Work camp was to tell the group about her experiences. Literature on recruitment such as the following were to be presented to the students in an attractive folder: *Christian Careers Calling Youth,* (free leaflet); *Methodist Service Projects,* (price, 10 cents).

The idea of the Guild entertaining high school senior girls is a good one, and the timing is good this year, since the student program comes in June. These young women can interpret the work of the Methodist Youth Fellowship to the Guild, and the Guild has the opportunity to interest them in its program, since some of them will be going into employment when they graduate from high school. To those who are going away to school, it will be one of the few chances the Guild will have to introduce itself. If the introduction is a good one, it may make a lasting impression.

Young Adult City Tours

Several Guild members attended the Young Adult Tour last summer, and all reported a wonderful experience. This year the tours are being planned with the purpose of helping Young Adults (under 40) to become acquainted with Christians of different cultural backgrounds who live and work in the city, and of studying on the spot The Methodist Church at work in the city. These trips will also give opportunity for fellowship with other young adults from various sections of the country. The trips are as follows: June 4-6, Chicago; August 5, United Nations and August 6-8, New York; October 15-17, Dallas; November 5-7, Tampa. You may have information about any of the tours by writing to Edwin F. Tewksbury, P. O. Box 871, Nashville 2, Tennessee.

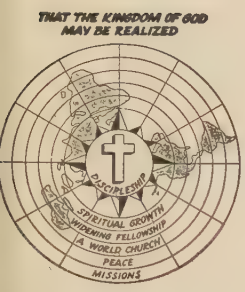

CHART AND COMPASS

ORGANIZATION AND PROMOTION

MISS DORCAS HALL, *Executive Secretary,*
Section of Education and Cultivation
MRS. MAUDE WHITE HARDIE, *Assistant to the Executive Secretary*

THEME AND EMPHASES 1952-1956

THAT THE KINGDOM OF GOD MAY BE REALIZED

1. WE WILL SEEK TO GROW AS CHRISTIANS.
2. WE WILL SEEK TO BRING OTHERS INTO THE CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP OF THE CHURCH AND OF THE WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE AND THE WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD.
3. WE WILL SEEK WITH CHRISTIANS EVERYWHERE THE SUSTAINING FELLOWSHIP AND POWER OF A WORLD CHRISTIAN CHURCH.
4. WE WILL USE ALL AVAILABLE RESOURCES TO WORK FOR "THE THINGS THAT BELONG UNTO PEACE."
5. WE WILL PROCLAIM THE WORLD MISSION OF THE CHURCH TO BE GOD'S PLAN FOR THE REDEMPTION OF THE WORLD. TO THIS END WE WILL WORK TO MAKE THE LORD JESUS CHRIST KNOWN TO ALL PEOPLES EVERYWHERE, TO PERSUADE THEM TO BECOME HIS DISCIPLES, AND TO FOSTER THE KNOWLEDGE AND EXPANSION OF THE MISSIONARY ENTERPRISE THROUGHOUT THE WORLD.
6. WE WILL ACCEPT THE PRICE OF CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP.

The Ordeal of Mrs. Alibi

By FRANCES B. PETERSON

May I introduce the cast of our little skit?

A MEMBER OF THE WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE (*center stage*)

THE IMP OF DARKNESS (*makes bow*), surrounded by a few fellow-imps, at woman's left.

AN ANGEL OF LIGHT with her fellow-angels, at woman's right.

WOMAN: Well, I must decide what to tell those women tomorrow. I don't want to take an office in the Woman's Society of Christian Service, but they made the appeal so strong I just couldn't say No, and so I said I'd think it over. Oh, dear, what shall I tell them?

IMP (*whispers*): You don't have time.

WOMAN: I really just don't have the time.

ANGEL: You find the time for what you really want to do, don't you?

WOMAN: I'm afraid I'm not quite honest. I could find time if I wanted to.

IMP (*whispers*)

WOMAN: But I'm not as capable as the other women.

ANGEL: But you wouldn't let any of them say that.

IMP (*whispers*)

WOMAN: But I might fail!

ANGEL: So what! The worst failure is to do nothing.

IMP (*whispers*)

WOMAN: It would be so embarrassing to say I'd do it and then make a lot of blunders.

ANGEL: Don't the other officers ever make blunders? Why should *you* expect to have to put on a perfect performance?

IMP (*whispers*)

WOMAN: Oh, but I wouldn't want to take the office unless I could do a wonderful job.

ANGEL: Oh, ho! So that's it! *You* must be a *Star!* Is Mrs. Brown, the president, chiefly interested in putting on a star performance for her own glorification, or does she see a job to be done and dare to make mistakes and expose herself to criticism, because there is a great work to be done?

WOMAN: Oh, I see myself in a new way, and I don't like what I see. A self-centered Star! What if I don't always put on a brilliant performance! I can do my best, and I can learn from my mistakes.

ANGEL: And your blunders will be fewer when your attention is on your job and not on yourself.

WOMAN: I guess my answer will be *Yes.* I'll take the job.

(ANGELS *rejoice;* IMPS *mourn.*)

WOMAN: I guess it *is* my *duty* to do it.

(ANGELS *depressed;* IMPS *rejoice.*)

ANGEL: Duty! Your eye! If it's for duty's sake, don't do it. The job will be better off without you. If the job is one *worth* doing in the first place, you will do it for the joy of it. Mistakes and embarrassments will soon be forgotten in the joy of doing a worth-while job.

WOMAN: Sure, I see it all now. I *want* to do that job. It will be fun. I can laugh at my blunders. I want to *try* to make something of that office. And I feel so happy and free! I'm going to call up right now and tell the nominating committee I'll take that office.

(ANGELS *applaud;* IMPS *sneak off defeated.*)

The End

(THE IMP OF DARKNESS may wear a black cape and hood. THE ANGEL OF LIGHT may wear a halo and wings cut out of white paper.)

A NEW APPROACH FOR THE SECOND HALF OF THE QUADRENNIUM ON THE SUBJECT OF MEMBERSHIP

Treasures Are People

" . . . An householder, which bringeth forth out of his treasure things new and old." **Matthew 13:52**

YOU ARE A TREASURE

Don't be overly modest, for the moment. Look at yourself with the same eyes of appreciation with which you evaluate other people. Are there talents which you have not used, even while you knew you had them?

Are there things you would like to try your hand at, but have thus far hesitated?

Are you saying—you believe, honestly—that you don't have a single talent?

In any case, You *are* a Treasure—whether or not you recognize your worth.

GOD HAS NOT LEFT ANY ONE OF US WITHOUT A TALENT

And we believe He works through the Woman's Society of Christian Service, and the Wesleyan Service Guild, in a way that needs the combined talents of all Methodist women for complete fulfillment, according to His Purpose.

EVERY METHODIST WOMAN IS A TREASURE

And we propose this year to tell her so. We believe that we have "acres of diamonds" in our own Methodist yard.

We are not talking for these next two years, in terms of "increasing our membership" or "bringing in new members." We are going all-out to bring to all our Methodist womanhood a fuller realization of their abilities and opportunities.

A waiting world needs what they have to offer.

THINGS OLD AND NEW

Jesus frequently used the treasures of His age to symbolize the Kingdom of Heaven: a pearl of great value; a hidden treasure in a field; the personal treasure of a householder—things "new and old."

THE OLD—our precious heritage

Ask any woman what is her oldest treasure. (You may like to have them bring some of these to a meeting.)

Consider the original purpose of these treasured articles:

Indicative of LIGHT—
- An antique hurricane lamp
- A Paul Revere lantern
- A pewter candlestick

Indicative of WARMTH—
- A patchwork quilt
- A homespun blanket
- A knitted or crocheted afghan

Indicative of CREATIVE POWER—
- A spinning wheel
- A loom
- A candle mold

Indicative of UTILITY—
- A quill pen
- An iron cooking pot
- A wooden latch

Indicative of BEAUTY—
- A handwrought silver teaspoon
- An ancient mirror
- A cross-stitch sampler

THE NEW—continuing our expression of these basic values, through modern means. (WHAT WERE THE THINGS YOU AND YOUR FRIENDS REJOICED AT RECEIVING, LAST BIRTHDAY OR CHRISTMAS?)

SO IT IS WITH PEOPLE. THEY CAN FULFILL THE BASIC NEEDS OF HUMANKIND, AS EACH BRINGS HER OWN CONTRIBUTION OF PERSONALITY TO THE WAITING GROUP:

LIGHT—There is need for those who can teach, and lead, and interpret, through our programs and study classes.

WARMTH—There is need for those who can extend a friendly spirit, welcoming the new or less-well-acquainted women; calling on those in sorrow; sharing counsel and spiritual strength with those in perplexity of mind and heaviness of heart.

CREATIVE POWER—There is need for the planning of, and infusing new life through, patterns and programs. This work offers horizons unlimited for making the needs of the world come alive.

UTILITY—There is need for the rank and file of steadfast workers—the good listener and follower is one of today's greatest needs.

BEAUTY—There is need for this, spiritual and material. A contribution which that Golden Link member—the elderly, the ill, the shut-in—can make as well as, perhaps even better than, the active member.

THE TREASURE HUNT

This is as old as human life itself and God's relation to man.

When Jesus selected His disciples, it was a treasure hunt.

When He sent out the seventy it was a treasure hunt.

Further back by centuries—throughout the Old Testament record—God was always *reaching out* after people.

Read hymn number 316 in *The Methodist Hymnal,* "I Sought the Lord." Thus we seek to bring women into this experience of feeling God's need for them.

We may not rest till everyone has come within this experience.

Nor may we rest even then—for developing the riches within us all is an on-going experience.

Each woman makes her own decision as to the *extent* to which she can give and serve.

But being a part of the whole is something, may we say, *beyond her own decision?* This is part of God's plan for her life.

Does the large number of Methodist women still outside the membership of the Woman's Society of Christian Service and the Wesleyan Service Guild indicate that the real purpose of these, and place in their lives, has not been rightly represented to them?

EYES THAT SEE—EYES OF APPRECIATION

Jesus often stressed those who, having eyes, yet see not. Isaiah and Jeremiah had stressed this before Him. It is for us to seek in all humility for *eyes that see* those hidden treasures which are in people. To see their capacities—their unrealized talents.

"In souls most sullen Thou art softly dreaming
Of saints and heroes wrought from Thy divine
Pity and patience, still the lost redeeming,
Deepen our spirits for a love like Thine."

(Katharine Lee Bates, Hymn No. 361, *The Methodist Hymnal.* Used by permission of Dorothy Burgess.)

SUGGESTED PROCEDURE IN THE LOCAL CHURCH

1. The Executive Committee may well take this plan under discussion for one of its meetings, preceding presentation to the whole Society or Guild. A devotional service might direct thought in an introspective period concerning our use of our own talents, followed by a discussion of how to discover and use the talents among our women, ending with plans for specific procedure.
2. The "Responsibility List" becomes a List of Hidden Treasures.
3. Dividing and assigning responsibility for prospects becomes a Chart of Hidden Treasure.
4. A general letter might be sent to all members and non-members. This should be of a nature to challenge every woman to increased earnest effort, and to show the opportunity for the many types of work—local, national, and international— offered by the Woman's Division. *Be specific.*
5. This letter might announce an all-church Treasure Hunt Round-up for women. On this day, call for the "Hidden Treasures" and bring them to the church. (Some Societies may like to send this letter with some mystifying symbol of identification, following the "secret pal" idea.)
6. For this meeting, provide a program of worship, timely interest, and fellowship, the latter to highlight the value of these potential members and their various abilities.
7. The program might include a "treasure hunt" for points of interest in the work of the Woman's Society and Guild. This can take on added reality if there are nearby projects of the Woman's Division to which visits can be made. Each conference, district, and local Society and Guild will find this worth looking into.
8. The TREASURE MAP. A new map has been issued by the Joint Section of Education and Cultivation showing the total work of The Methodist Church around the world under the three Divisions of the Board of Missions. (Price $1.00. Order from Literature Headquarters, 7820 Reading Road, Cincinnati 37, Ohio; or Distributing Offices.) This map, displayed in any meeting, will be informative as to the twenty-eight countries where the Woman's Division has work, and will lend itself in a number of ways to the sort of "treasure hunt" suggested. With it, use the *Fourteenth Annual Report* for information about work being done, and the *Prayer Calendar* for names of missionaries and their fields.

FOLLOW-UP

1. KEEP IN MIND the idea of Treasure *old* and *new,* with reference to former members and new ones. Do not lose sight of those talents as yet undeveloped in the present membership.
2. Make sure that every woman is asked to do *some one thing* which is along the line of her talent. Do not overload anyone.
3. "Each one teach one." When a member has done something herself, she gets someone else to come in and do something, and so on.
4. Keep the challenge of specific work to be done constantly before the membership in an appealing way. Use Status of Women *Service Activity* cards.

Meditation

A LETTER TO MYSELF FROM MYSELF

Dear Me:

With all the changes, there are some things that do not change; and one of them is the realization that *I* am *I*. Other people might not recognize it in me at once, I grant you! But within myself I know I am the same person who stood at the altar and gave my heart to Jesus Christ, and my vows to The Methodist Church.

The reason I know it is not just personal; otherwise, when I look in the mirror, after re-living those early experiences, I might exclaim with the old woman in the nursery rhyme, "Lawks a mercy on us, this is none of I!"

It is something far greater than myself: something so vast that it makes me seem just one tiny speck in God's created universe. Yet it makes those specks, the each-one-of-us, more important than anything else in God's great plan. IT IS THE FACT THAT HUMAN PERSONALITY IS INDESTRUCTIBLE, AND INFINITELY PRECIOUS TO A PERSONAL FATHER-GOD WHO KNOWS AND CARES.

Knowing this, whatever I do seems important; not for myself—in that way I shall always be a speck. But because God through me can release His plans, His power, and His love; and through me, He can work throughout His world.

I begin to look within myself to see if there are areas of ability not yet being used. Not that I think of myself as a talented person—I suppose I do not have a single talent, as they are popularly defined; but there are things I can do, which heretofore I had not thought about as mattering, which now seem to have real meaning. If I do some routine, prosaic task that needs doing in the work of the church, it may start ever-widening circles that will result in changing life for someone I shall never even see or know about. Jesus said, "Because I live, ye shall live also." Is it presumptuous for me to say it to myself, *about* myself, in helping to share the abundant life? I do not think He would say it was presumptuous; I think He would say it was His intended way.

It is a wonderful thought: to bring health to the suffering, education to the untaught, love to the unloved—no geographical barriers, no man-made walls.

But it is a thought of great gravity. For if I withhold something that God intended for His use, I am withholding it from all these unknown, uncounted friends for whom He—through me—intended it.

It is a thought that could weigh me down intolerably; but that is not the way it works, I know. The sense of responsibility lights up into joyous privilege and a sense of wonder, that keeps me worshiping as I walk and work. I want to keep on forever, letting Him work out His will through me; I want to share this glimpse of a new glory, through an ever-widening fellowship.

As always,
MYSELF

MISSIONARY Briefs

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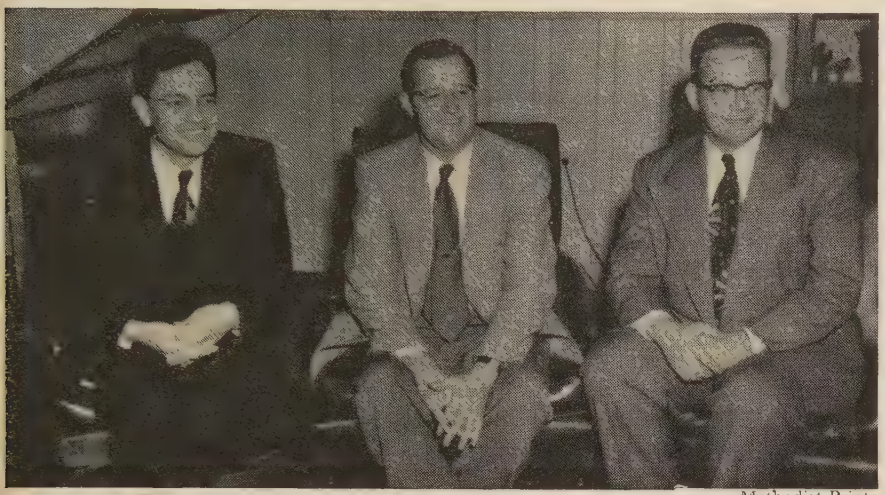

Methodist Prints

(Left to right) **Frederick Rogers, director of Bethlehem Center, Nashville, Tennessee; Jack Hayes, group worker at Homer Toberman Settlement, San Pedro, California; Herbert C. Brunson, principal of the school for Dulac Indians, Dulac, Louisiana**

WORKERS COMMISSIONED

At the recent meeting of the Board of Missions, the first deaconess from Hawaii was commissioned. Miss Hisako Tanji attributes her inspiration to the work of Rev. Ed Peck, pastor of the Church at Wahiawa, Oahu. After completing her college work in Honolulu, Miss Tanji came to Scarritt College on a PEO Scholarship. She returned to Hawaii the first of February and has been appointed to work with the people in the labor camps near Pahala, Hawaii.

There are many other fine young women in Hawaii who should be directed into full-time service in the church. The consecration service for Miss Tanji, which will be held in the Hawaii Mission Conference, will point up this new opportunity.

The three other newly commissioned deaconesses are Miss Irene Heatherington, a graduate of Scarritt College, who serves as a housemother at Ethel Harpst Home, Cedartown, Georgia; Miss Marjorie Huskey, a graduate of National College, who does local church work in Van Wert, Ohio; and Miss Lois Young, also a graduate of National College, who is head resident at Wesley House, Phoenix, Arizona. Also, Miss Rosalie Jenkins, who has gone to Brazil.

With this group, one young man, Mr. Jack Hayes of Homer Toberman Settlement, San Pedro, California, was commissioned to serve as a home missionary in the Woman's Division. Mr. Hayes is the fourth man to be assigned to the Woman's Division as a commissioned home missionary. Two of the four found it necessary to withdraw. There is increasing need for men to serve on the staffs of projects of the Woman's Division. The commissioned relationship gives them a sense of belonging and security and lessens the frequency of turn-over in staffs.

IN MEMORIAM

Miss Helen Couch, **retired missionary from Japan, passed away on December 27, 1953. She was born at Carbondale, Pennsylvania, in 1886. After graduating from Ohio Wesleyan University in 1915 with Phi Beta Kappa honors, she went to the Kennedy School of Missions in Hartford, Connecticut, for a year of additional training. Miss Couch first did kindergarten and evangelistic work in Hakodate, Japan, and later taught at Kwassui Woman's College in Nagasaki. The years since her retirement in 1941 were spent at Robincroft Rest Home, Pasadena, California. Miss Couch once wrote: "Heaven is unhampered communion with God."**

Miss Anna Elicker Guse, **retired missionary, died peacefully December 28, 1953, at the age of eighty-seven after only a few days of illness. Her work during her active missionary years was in the Central Provinces, India, where she was well beloved.**

Miss Ruth E. Robinson, **daughter of the late Bishop Robinson of India, died of pneumonia January 4 in the country of her birth. She gave fifty years of service to the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, a record unsurpassed by any other misisonary of the society.**

Miss Robinson was born in Bangalore, India, in 1878. In 1899 she graduated from Goucher College, and went to India the following year. Miss Robinson took the retired relationship in 1950. Interment was in the city where she was born.

Miss Fannie L. Graves **died at the Cribbs Home, Conneautville, Pennsylvania, January 12, 1952. Miss Graves was retired in 1945 following twenty-seven years of service at the New Jersey Conference Deaconess Home Settlement, Camden, and the Deaconess Home Settlement in Buffalo, New York.**

Miss Emma Smith, **a resident of Bancroft-Taylor Rest Home, Ocean Grove, New Jersey, passed away January 21, 1954. Interment took place at Rensselaer, New York. Miss Smith spent her thirty-two years of active work in Cleveland, Ohio, where she served the West Side Community House and the churches of Cleveland.**

Miss Lena M. Bauch **who resided at Thoburn Terrace, Alhambra, California, passed away at the age of 85 on January 26, 1954, in the Alhambra Hospital. Miss Bauch was retired from the Northern Minnesota Conference in 1935, following thirty years of service as an active deaconess.**

SARAWAK, BORNEO

A few weeks ago I visited the village, Bawang Assan, and had the great joy of seeing with my own eyes what Christianity has meant to the Borneo people, the Dyaks. This is a community of 116 families, divided in six long houses and comprising about 750 people. These have been begging the missionaries to come and preach the Gospel to them, for they were very conscious of the fact that we do not look down upon them, as is often the case with the Chinese who just call them "naked ones." This spring 250 of the villagers were baptized to the Christian faith. Today they are building a church and a parsonage. There is a school already in session which also will be under the auspices of the church when the Batak missionary from Sumatra will arrive. The chief of this whole community, who as yet is not a confessing Christian, has just about made up his mind to become a follower of Christ. Out of respect for him, most of the Dyaks in the long house are waiting for him to take the step. It looks as if most of the hearts are open to receive Christ. The chief invited us to his dwelling place, and we were surprised to find a sewing machine, safe, radio, and linoleum in the center of the room. In almost all the Dyak dwellings, there are pictures of the Royal Family of England.

The Dyaks become very devout Christians, but of course we cannot compare their standards of morality with ours; sometimes the babies arrive before it has been possible to perform the wedding ceremony, but to them it is no disgrace. Yet at the same time Christianity has made tremendous changes among these head-hunters. Out on the verandah there were several bunches of heads tied together, cut off by those same people who are now accepting Christ as their Lord.

Extra! Extra!

Assembly Bulletin will appear in the July-August issue of THE METHODIST WOMAN. Extra copies of the July-August issue available at 15 cents each.

RURAL WORK

West Tennessee

Last fall we spent a great deal of time with the Lord's Acre projects carried on by Beech Bluff and Potts Chapel Churches. Each church had about four acres of cotton planted and members had chopped it in the early summer. The last of September cotton-picking began. Since the rural workers had promoted the Lord's Acre plan so vigorously, we of course were on hand to pick. In spite of the serious drought, Beech Bluff harvested two and a half bales and Potts Chapel three bales. Both churches have put the money into special building improvement funds.

As a climax to the Lord's Acre project, both churches planned Harvest Festivals. Beech Bluff took up a special offering to add to their building fund. Potts Chapel had a more elaborate service. Using the *Book of Worship,* an order of Thanksgiving for the Harvest was planned. Since it was not a regular preaching Sunday, the County Agent was invited to present the message. The Junior girls recited the One Hundredth Psalm, and the oldest active member of the church pronounced the benediction. It was truly an impressive service.

The Beech Bluff Circuit Methodist Youth Fellowship that was organized last summer has a good start. An interesting project was the Halloween Scavenger Hunt held in October. The young people made lists from the booklet of supplies needed by various projects which use MYF money. They were able to pack and send six small boxes to six different projects in the United States, Alaska, and Japan with the items that were brought in. —ANNE MCKENZIE AND ROSEMARY NIXON

JAPAN

Hiroshima Jo Gakuin stands in the midst of Hiroshima City as a symbol of crystallized hope, sought by many people in Japan and in lands across the Pacific Ocean. All the buildings and equipment which have been added since 1945 are the result of the untiring effort of those who belive in Christian education. Here we hope to train young women who will take part in building a new Japan with faith and ideals which are in accordance with Christian principles. It is not an easy task to carry on a private school, keeping up the highest standards with limited funds. But it is much harder to make it more Christian, because of having to work against the forces of non-Christian backgrounds. However, each day is full of the joy of watching the growth of many young girls into fine womanhood.

—HAMAKO HIROSE, *president of Hiroshima Jo Gakuin*

KOREA

At Inchon, the port of Seoul, there is a small influential school of 600 pupils with a bright-eyed, quiet little Korean man as the principal. This school was established in 1893. Yong Wha is the only Protestant school for girls in this busy port. Ten of the thirteen teachers are Christians and 450 of the 600 girls are also Christians. The students follow the Korean custom of taking off their shoes at the door, and the floors of the classrooms and halls are worn smooth and shiny. There is a happy spirit among the teachers and students. Mrs. Paek, a member of the school board, is a radiant, kindly woman whose daughter and granddaughters have studied in the school, and she says she cannot fully express her gratitude for the education granted to Korean girls through this school.

The July-August issue of THE METHODIST WOMAN will be mailed the middle of July, as it was mailed last year. This issue will include the Assembly Bulletin.

Fiftieth Anniversary Celebration

Deaconess Mary Johnston being honored at the Fiftieth Anniversary of West Side Community House, Cleveland, Ohio

The Fiftieth Anniversary of the founding of the West Side Community House, Cleveland, Ohio, was celebrated at a dinner January 18, 1954, in Franklin Circle Christian Church, Cleveland.

The idea of the community house was born in 1900 when a Methodist deaconess, working in a West Side Methodist Church, found conditions in that area of the city "intolerable." A committee of women from the Methodist Deaconess Home was appointed to investigate the establishment of recreational, settlement, and day nursery facilities in the neighborhood. It required four years for the plans to become reality. The West Side Cottage was opened on January 16, 1904, at 78 Hicks Street—an area now covered by the Lakeview Project. By 1913 the Cleveland Federation for Charity and Philanthropy, which later became the Community Chest, was organized and the West Side Federation was one of the first members. A year later the name was changed to the West Side Community House. Through the years the organization has been one of the most active of Red Feather agencies.

The speaker at the dinner was Dr. Hugh C. Stuntz, president of Scarritt College, Nashville, Tennessee. Other invited guests were: Bishop Hazen G. Werner; Dr. Clarence LaRue, superintendent of the Cleveland District; Edward Lynde of the Welfare Federation; West Side clergy; school principals and other friends of the community house. Another special guest was Deaconess Mary Johnston, now retired and living at Bancroft-Taylor Rest Home, Ocean Grove, New Jersey, who was the first superintendent of the West Side Community House and a member of the first nursing staff.

INDIA

The Methodist Youth Fellowship in India has decided to offer a scholarship to a student in Africa to study in an Indian college. Bishop Newell Snow Booth of the Elisabethville Area of The Methodist Church, Belgian Congo, Africa, has encouraged this project and considers it feasible. While plans are in the preliminary stage, it is hoped that a young man will be sent for study in the Leonard Theological College, Jabalpur, India.

Africa will pay for his passage to India, while the MYF in India will support the student after he lands there. The responsibility of the MYF is to raise the scholarship payable to the student in the Leonard Theological College, expenses during vacation, bedding, clothes, et cetera. The total cost will approximate Rs. 1200 per year. This will mean that the Youth of each Annual Conference should raise Rs. 120 per year for the scholarship.

We therefore appeal to every MYF to pray for this student, so that arrangements may be satisfactorily completed for his coming to India and finances be raised for his support.

KIRBY HALL

Methodist Dormitory

Approximately twenty-eight years ago the Woman's Missionary Society in five Texas Conferences decided that their daughters needed a place to call home at the University of Texas. With the aid of Centenary money, donated for this purpose by the Board of Missions, Methodist Episcopal Church, South, the women supervised the building of a three-story brick dormitory with fifty-five rooms near the campus. In 1925 the girls moved in.

The 125 girls who live at Kirby Hall today say it is the homiest dorm on the campus, also the least expensive. Built specifically for Methodist girls, the dorm today houses seventy Methodists and fifty-five girls representing six other denominations. There are 3,500 Methodist students enrolled at the university.

Like parents in any Methodist home, the director, Mrs. Irene T. Powers, and her staff see that "their girls" get religious training through evening devotionals, prayer groups, and Sunday dinner speakers, and special training through the various functions they sponsor during the year. Through student officers, upper class advisers, and a student relations committee, the girls themselves supervise and enforce university and Kirby Hall rules, advise the new girls, and have their own form of student government. The most modern of living quarters are provided for the girls. Parts of the dormitory are redecorated each year with the needs of the girls in mind.

GOOD CITIZENSHIP AWARD

The Urbana, Illinois, High School winner of the 1954 Good Citizenship Award presented by the Daughters of the American Revolution was Miss Barbara Hanks, a member of the family at Cunningham Children's Home for the past eight years. She maintains high grades. Barbara is active in the band, serving as its vice-president, and is also head librarian.

MEXICO

Six young women of Mexico comprised our first graduating class of deaconesses. As each, capped and gowned, rose from her place to ascend the chancel of Gante Methodist Cathedral to receive her diploma, there was present a spiritual poise and confidence that caused me to rejoice in the Lord who was in full possession of the life of each.

They now go forth willing to accept any pre-prayed appointment as the place where God can best accomplish His purposes through their ministry. We desire faithful intercession for them. They are your own investment. Your tithes and offerings of love for the spread of the Gospel made possible their preparation, and God has given the increase.

—Gertrude Arbogast, *Deaconess Training School, Mexico City*

CUBA

The second Latin-American Conference of Christian Students for the Caribbean Area was held December 21, 1953, to January 4, 1954, at the Evangelical Theological Seminary at Matanzas, Cuba, under the auspices of the World Federation of the Student Christian Movement. It was a meeting of study and of work in order to train leaders who will assume the responsibility of organizing student groups. Approximately ninety persons, including students and adult leaders, were present from the following countries: Colombia, Guatemala, Mexico, Panama, Cuba, Puerto Rico, Venezuela, Jamaica, Santo Domingo, Uruguay, Argentina, Brazil, Canada, United States, Germany, Ireland, France. Miss Dorothea Woods of Paris, France, and Dr. José M. Gallardo of Cuba, represented UNESCO.

Possible Results of the Conference:

1. This was the first time many of the students had been out of their own country. The conference helped them in a very real way to feel a part of something big—a part of the *World* Student Christian Movement.

2. Their mental horizons were widened.

3. Much new knowledge and information was acquired especially regarding the organization and work of the World Federation of the Student Christian Movement. Enthusiasm ran high.

4. Students who have had a tendency to give "lip-service" to Christianity will surely become active participants, making their witness felt in all areas of life because now they have been awakened to the great social and political problems of our day and feel a keen responsibility.

5. The training received not only will bring about better leadership for the student movement, but also will make better churchmen.

6. At present there is only one Student Christian Movement group in Cuba. It is in Havana. It is hoped that the twenty-one delegates from Cuba who attended this conference will return to their schools and universities and organize a student group in order that the Student Christian Movement in Cuba may become a National Movement, which will lead eventually to securing a person who will serve as secretary of Student Work for the island.

A light moment at the laying of the foundation stone, Methodist Christian Center, Umtali, Southern Rhodesia. Bishop J. W. Lord made the dedicatory address

E. T. Brown

AFRICA

For a number of years missionaries in Southern Rhodesia have looked forward to an urban social-evangelistic center in the rapidly growing city of Umtali. A fine staff of missionaries and of Africans from both Divisions have been working creatively together to this end. On Sunday, November 22, 1953, with the foundation completed, Bishop J. W. Lord of Boston, on behalf of the Central Kansas Conference and the Woman's Division of Christian Service, laid the foundation stone of the Methodist Christian Center near the Hilltop Church. More than 3,000 Africans and about 100 Europeans attended the ceremony.

The *Umtali Post* quoted in part Bishop Lord's dedicatory address:

> Christianity stands against tyranny that would deny the free mind and inquiring spirit, against slavery that denies the brotherhood of man, against war as a means of settling difficulties and problems, against fatalism, and is opposed to poverty that causes man to lose confidence and respect. We are laborers together with God. It is no small thing in which we are engaged this afternoon. It is rather a divine enterprise in which we work with God as a partner.

Information and Action

Dear Friends:

May 1954 is a *Red Letter Month* for Methodist women. The Fourth Assembly of Methodist Women will be held May 25-28 in Milwaukee. Hundreds of women from across the nation will come together there for fellowship, inspiration, and planning better ways of doing the job, but many *thousands* more throughout the nation and world will link their prayers with the group in Milwaukee. The Assembly theme, "Jesus Christ—The Way," will symbolize with new meaning the task of Methodist women in this troubled world, and call us all to greater sacrifices and *commitment to* Jesus Christ as the way toward a world of peace with justice.

The Assembly meeting in Milwaukee will not accomplish its purpose unless the 30,000 Woman's Societies and Guilds across the nation make use of the resources growing out of The Assembly. Therefore, it is urgent that you as a secretary of Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities plan now with your committee toward a time in July and August when you can study the July-August issue of THE METHODIST WOMAN and other resources from The Assembly and determine what your own responsibility is in the "follow-up" plans. *Remember also how important* it is to give creative help to the Committee on Program of your Society and Guild as you look toward October and your local "Assembly!"

The next pages of this issue of THE METHODIST WOMAN bring to you an article entitled, "To Inquire — A Protestant Heritage," by Mr. Lawrence Senesh. This article should be read by every *leader* and *member* of your Society and Guild. Call it to the attention of your pastor and the chairman of the social action committee of your local church. Use it as a basis for discussion in some of your circle meetings. Ask your pastor if it is possible for him to call the article to the attention of the congregation in the church bulletin. *File this article for special use next January when you begin to project plans* for your economic study, *That They May Have Life.*

Have you seen the movie, *Martin Luther?* Has it been shown in your local theaters? If not, why not ask your theater manager to show it and offer to publicize it through your churches and encourage attendance. This movie is a superb presentation of the very basis of Protestantism.

During the month of May you will be observing Family Life Week. This is a good time to generate greater interest in the *National Conference on Family Life* scheduled for Cleveland, Ohio, October 8-10, 1954.

Most of you already have had your study on *Alcohol and Christian Responsibility.* If you have not done so, why not seek counsel and help from your pastor in making it a church-wide study, using Sunday evening or the midweek service as a convenient time? The new filmstrip, "Not My Community," could be used as an introduction to the study. Order it from the Department of Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities, 150 Fifth Avenue, Room 604, New York 11, N. Y. Price $5.

Has your Society purchased the new packet entitled, "If Thou Hadst Known" (price 50 cents, Literature Headquarters)? This is a *must* for your committee and for circle leaders with special concerns for "The Things That Belong Unto Peace." Why not place a packet in the hands of your Youth Fellowship leaders, or in the Wesley Foundation?

The next few weeks will be crucial weeks in the Congress of the United States. The eyes of the world are on *us.* Keep your group *"alert"* and *"informed!"*—and *active* on important issues. Don't wait until November to get ready for the election! Plan your "campaign" early!

Remember that Christian citizens can in a large measure influence the direction in which the world moves, *if we are willing to make our voices heard for righteousness and peace!*

Sincerely yours,

THELMA STEVENS

MARGARET R. BENDER

"The World Witness of Methodist Women" [1]

Action may not be a "substitute for being," but as Swiss Amiel said, "Action is the essence of life as combustion is the essence of flame." If we are a community of the committed, we must be concerned with the sincerity of our Christian witness in today's world. In this second year of the quadrennium, the Woman's Division of Christian Service through the Department of Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities seeks to make our Christian witness effective in all areas of life and work.

Mrs. J. Fount Tillman,
Chairman

[1] P. 151, *Fourteenth Annual Report.* Price 60 cents. Literature Headquarters, 7820 Reading Road, Cincinnati 37, Ohio; or Distributing Offiices.

To Inquire—A Protestant Heritage

By LAWRENCE SENESH

IN 1947 in a college established for veterans, a speech on the individual's role in a democracy was delivered. During the question period which followed, many of the students who had endured trying years of modern warfare revealed a bewilderment on the home scene. Their remarks and questions showed that they felt inadequate to participate in the democratic process. They asked, "How can we know the facts?" and "Even if we have the facts, does our individual action have any weight on higher levels?"

Theirs was not an isolated confusion, unfortunately. How often among adult citizens we hear the remark, "I leave that to the experts in Washington." Such lack of confidence in our strength and such indifference reflect the shortcomings of our education. It has failed apparently to endow many of our citizens with intellectual curiosity to inquire, and the ability to evaluate issues for themselves. Too many are incapable of recognizing the relationship between individual problems and social problems, between theoretical analysis and policy, between the individual action and representative government. They are even less equipped to choose intellectually from among various possible alternatives.

Such lack of preparation leaves on the community the marks of sluggishness and boredom. Citizens are roused to momentary alertness only by the occasional visit of the expert, who, it is hoped, brings the magic formula. As more and more complicated problems press in upon them, they are overcome with insecurity, become panic stricken, and look for easy solutions. They look for short cuts, for the briefest digests, for minimum knowledge, instead of accepting the individual discipline and responsibility which are required to equip us for the complicated problems of today. They behave like the primitive who lies under the tree waiting for the coconuts to fall in his hand, and if one should fall on his head, he becomes panicky and rushes to the witch doctor for cure.

This indifference is in conflict with our Protestant tradition of individual responsibility, freedom of inquiry, and courage in individual action. The great Protestant leaders, refusing to accept the Church as the sole arbiter of Christian faith, appealed to the people to go to the Bible and to their own consciences, and they encouraged rationalism and individualism.

The same spirit of independence which had raised its voice against the authority of the Church, in time came to attack the paternalism of the State. The doctrine of political non-interference became the ideal of the individualist. Here can be found the basis of the Industrial Revolution, which, with its scientific discoveries and increased productivity, brought us finally to the high standard of living so characteristic of our modern western industrial society.

But these developments also brought problems. As we moved out of the agricultural stage into the industrial, from self-sufficiency to urbanization and the increasing division of labor, the individual lost his economic independence, and became a cog in a complex economic system over which he had little control. The most dramatic example in our lifetime was the Great Depression with its fourteen million unemployed. We learned a few lessons too well then:

1. That the individual is not exclusively the master of his fate (as if he should ever have been so proud!).

2. That the individual conscience, responsible for charity, is not sufficient to mitigate the tragedies of mass hunger and unemployment.

3. That thrift of the individual and hard work do not always result in success; savings or fortune can disappear overnight, and the individual, by working harder, even can work himself out of a job.

The social problems which the depression helped us to recognize and see clearly still remain with us. We have not solved the unemployment problem once and for all. We cannot maintain a high-level economy without conscious and steady effort. We still have thousands of Americans who lack adequate medical care, decent housing and sufficient savings for their old age. It is a remarkable achievement of our democracy that we recognize the existence of these problems. Our willingness to solve them in the future will determine the effectiveness of our political and economic system.

The community now takes various approaches to these problems. There are some who say, "Let nature take its course." These people do not really recognize the existence of social problems. Their is an alluring approach except that stoicism is needed to endure the spring floods and the summer droughts.

Others would concentrate economic decision in a central authority, depriving the individual of ownership of the means of production. Such an approach can mean the loss of individual freedom.

There are yet others who believe in solving social and economic problems within our existing economic and political framework. The tool is the scientific method, watchful at the same time for the preservation of our cherished values. These people accept the democratic process and place responsibility upon the individual to recognize the existence of problems, to and

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To recognize a social problem
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one of idleness in urban areas.
scientific factor is the impact of medical science and sanitation upon the life span, which has increased the proportion of the aged in our population. Cultural factors also are manifest in terms of reluctance to employ the aged, and the easy mobility of families, which leaves the aged behind.

In the case of the problem of improving medical care, we are again faced with technological, scientific, and cultural elements of the problem. The technological element consists of increased industrial hazards. The effect of science is seen in rapidly developing medical research, and the cultural influence is evident in our reluctance to yield additional responsibilities to the government.

Consideration of the Solution

After such a preparation, many solutions are likely to be found. We hear so often from people who should know better, on debating platforms and over the radio, the hypnotic and silly refrain that "every question has two sides." The assumption is, of course, that one of the two is to be rejected. How easy, convenient, and pat!

There are, in fact, many more than "two sides" to most questions. Using the case of the aged once more, we can find at least five solutions, plus many combinations of these. One solution is that the individual provide for his old age through his savings. Another is that the business where he was employed give him a pension. A third is that private charitable or benevolent associations solve his problem. A fourth is that the government provide old age insurance. A fifth, that the government grant him direct assistance based on a means test or as a grant to every citizen over a certain age. In all probability, no one of these would be the sole answer to the problem. At one period a certain combination might be preferable; at another period of time a different combination. At present, it is generally recognized that the complementary efforts of individual, business, and government work out to the most satisfactory solution now possible.

Efficiency is not the only criterion in selecting among many solutions. Every society has certain cherished values which serve as permanent yardsticks for changing times and the passing of material things. In our democratic tradition, these are individual freedom, freedom of inquiry, preservation of individual opportunity, charity, and assumption of responsibility for our fellow men. Every choice of a solution implies a delicate relationship of individual, group (corporations, unions, charitable or benevolent organizations) and government (local, state, or federal).

The Three Pressing Economic Problems

There are, of course, many problems confronting us in America today, but roughly they can be classified into three categories: the problem of national economic growth and stability, the problem of economic security for the family, and the problem of our relationship to the rest of the world. These three problems require the constant attention of the American people, and a continual evaluation of what the individual, group, and government roles should be in solving these problems.

Economic Growth and Stability

The maintenance of economic growth in the United States is extremely important. Our entire defense program, the maintenance and improvement of our standard of living for a growing population, and the living standards of other nations all depend upon it. Our economic growth has not come without ups and downs. The severe "down" of the Great Depression convinced the people that economic stability should be made a partner of economic growth. To achieve growth with stability, individuals, groups and government must all play significant roles.

The individual should know the effect of his behavior upon the total economy at different periods. When the country's economy is suf-

fering from depression, any postponement of purchases will aggravate the situation. In times of inflation, the individual should recognize that hoarding (buying more than is needed) will cause prices to soar still higher.

The group must also assume its share in maintaining economic stability. Business played an important role after the second World War in trying to find means of avoiding widespread unemployment during reconversion. For example, the Committee on Economic Development, organized by business people in that period, conducted regional surveys of employment possibilities available to returning veterans and assisted businessmen to formulate policies which would enable them to absorb returning veterans into gainful employment.

Government recognized its responsibility when Congress passed the Employment Act of 1946. This act delegates to government the responsibility "to create and maintain conditions under which there will be afforded useful employment opportunities, including self-employment for those able, willing, and seeking to work."

Economic Security of the American Family

Despite the rapid increase of the standard of living in the United States, there is still a large segment of the American people with insufficient resources to meet such hazards as old age, unemployment, sickness, accident and disability, and the death of the breadwinner. Continuous attention is required to investigate the possibilities of and limitations to the efforts of individuals, business and trade unions, and government in meeting this serious problem. The various proposals for private or government health insurance, the unification of state assistance programs, the extension of old age insurance to groups not yet covered, and many other issues making today's headlines are related to the problem of maintaining the economic security of the American family.

United States' Relation to the Rest of the World

We must give serious attention to the problem of international economic cooperation for a number of reasons: first, we have accepted the role of leadership; second, we have accepted an obligation for international economic cooperation through our membership in the United Nations; third, economic isolationism on our part could create a vacuum for communism; fourth, the international division of labor guarantees optimum utilization of resources. Again, in considering the various solutions, business and government and, less directly, individuals play important roles. The extent and conditions of foreign investment undertaken by business and the extent of the government's foreign assistance program and its tariff policies will largely determine the strength of our position in the various parts of the world. The individual also has a contribution to make, since individual and regional interests may often have to compromise if trade is to be liberalized. If such individual or regional sacrifices must be made, measures may have to be considered which will lessen the hardships.

Among other private group efforts, churches play an important role in improving the United States' social and economic relations with the rest of the world. Their mission work demonstrates how assistance programs can be instituted with due respect for the cultural values of other countries.

Organizing Community Programs

The success of any community program will depend on the quality of the leadership. It would be advantageous if the leader could be a trained economist or social scientist with a good background of general education, but this is not necessary. It *is* important that the leader make an effort to study the subject before the program is launched. The leader of the group must be willing to study the subject before the program starts, devote time to awaken the interest of the group for the subject, and establish a climate where facts can be discussed and opinions expressed calmly, without fear, and with dignity. She should survey carefully the community's resources in terms of resource persons, field trips and interviews, available books and pamphlets, films, et cetera.

Preparation of the Leader

To acquire a general picture of the problem, the leader could consult encyclopedias and yearbooks and popularly written economic textbooks on contemporary economic and social problems. She should become acquainted with some of the significant pamphlets and magazine articles in which the issue is discussed. Pamphlets are usually published by organizations with special interests, and therefore present the issues from special angles. To be aware of these angles is important, since the leader and the group can gain insight into the forces which shape the policy-making of the government. This kind of material can be located through *Reader's Guide, Public Affairs Information Service,* and the *Vertical File Service.* All three are current indexes to ephemeral material and are arranged by subject.

Survey of the Community Resources

Before the program is launched, the leader should have discovered the specialists in the community who would be glad to help in the preparation of a program, or who could be called in for group interviews or speeches on various phases of the program. Such persons may be businessmen, union leaders, teachers, active or retired civil servants, social workers, or even "old-timers" in the community.

The library resources and services (university or public) should be surveyed and a carefully selected bibliography (not too long) prepared for the group's reading guidance. Audio-visual aids should not be forgotten. Nearby libraries

of colleges or state universities or public libraries could be helpful here.

Although it is important that the leader should survey the community resources for field trips, restraint should be used in programming field trips so that the group will not be kept on the run. The group should be briefed before each field trip, so that thoughtful questions will be rewarded with pertinent information.

Conducting the Program

There are numerous ways to awaken the interest of a group about to study economic and social problems. Generally speaking, interest may be generated either by identifying the individual's experience with the larger problem, or by utilizing other events outside the group's experience to awaken interest. An industrial lay-off which affects some members of the community, the setting up of a new industrial concern in the community, the difficulties encountered by returning veterans in finding jobs —all these events which directly affect the interests of the group may be used to motivate them to study economic growth and stability. In using events outside the group's experience for motivating purposes, headlines on a drought, or an extensive government storage of grain, or a new proposal of the Administration on price supports might serve to awaken interest in the study of agricultural problems. Some of the motivating events are well suited to display purposes, and can be used to attract new members to the study group.

There are various ways to conduct the study program. One way is to divide the problem into its various sub-problems, assigning the study of the various sub-problems to smaller groups. These groups, whenever they have finished a phase of their work, can report back to the rest of the group. By the time the study group has finished research, its report should fit into the larger picture like the parts of a puzzle.

The most significant part of study group work is the dramatization of the problem and the presentation of alternative solutions before a larger group, which could be the congregation or the community. The dramatization may take the form of a debate, a panel discussion, a socio-drama, a combination of interview and panel, et cetera. For this event, every effort should be made to prepare a pictorial presentation, which covers the scope of the problem and the various approaches to a solution. In many cases, the effort to prepare such a display will be frustrated by the unwillingness of individuals to try their creative abilities. Experience has shown, however, that primitive pencil drawings, matchstick figures, et cetera, can often be more appealing than professional work in clarifying complex economic and social concepts. One of the main functions of the display is to motivate the audience for further study. For this reason, a collection of books, pamphlets, newspaper clippings, and a bibliography should be placed below the display.

A climate where facts can be discussed and where opinions can be expressed without fear and with dignity is a prerequisite to the success of the entire program. Name calling and accusations or an emotional expression of prejudices poison any educational effort.

Whatever effort has been made and however small the progress, something new has been added to the lives of the study group members and a contribution has been made to their community. Learning and the willingness to learn should be a never-ending process. It has a tonic effect on man. It makes him more communicative and eager to share his experiences. Also, it is the obligation of free men and women to make use of the gift which the founding fathers of their country and the great leaders of the Protestant movement have bequeathed to them—the privilege to inquire freely. When men cease to be interested in this gift, it will vanish.

In 1784 an anonymous message to men of future time was placed in the tower of St. Margaret's Church at Gotha, in Germany. It read:

Our days here are the most felicitous time of the eighteenth century. . . . Hatred born of dogma and the compulsion of conscience are vanishing; love of man and freedom of thought are winning. The arts and sciences blossom, and our vision into the workshop of nature goes deep. Artisans come close to artists themselves in perfection; the useful arts are flowering among all classes. Here is the portrait of our time. . . . May you do equally for your heirs and rejoice.

U.N. CHARTER REVIEW

The review of the U.N. Charter is a topic of current interest. Since there may be great dangers as well as advantages in any revision, and since it is of the utmost importance that the entire situation be carefully appraised before decisions are taken, several suggestions are made here.

1. Take full advantage of the opportunities for study available during the year. Find out from your district superintendent what happens at the November meeting of district superintendents at which the bishops will launch their emphasis on the U.N. Read carefully materials that come out. Try to attend a U.N. workshop in your conference summer school, and arrange to have someone put on a day workshop for your Society or a group of Societies in your vicinity.

2. Read *What Charter Review Can Accomplish* in THE METHODIST WOMAN for July-August.

3. Read carefully the action on Charter Review taken at the 1954 Annual Meeting of The Woman's Division—page 18 of THE METHODIST WOMAN, March, 1954.

4. Read *Revising the Charter, Is It Possible or Wise?* by Ernest Gross. Foreign Affairs, January, 1954.

YOUTH WORK

HELEN L. JOHNSON, *Secretary*

CONFERENCE SUMMER SCHOOLS FOR GIRLS—1954

CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA—Carrie Barge House Party, Lycoming College, Williamsport, Pennsylvania ..... June 27-July 4
Dean: Mrs. Fred S. Gorman, 109 Eleventh Avenue, Juniata, Altoona, Pennsylvania.

CENTRAL WEST—Girls' School, St. Andrew Methodist Church, Kansas City, Missouri ..... July 12-16
Dean: Mrs. Frances N. Grant, 4145 Enright Avenue, St. Louis 8, Missouri

DETROIT—World Friendship Camp, Lake Huron Methodist Camp, Jeddo, Michigan ..... August 1-7
Dean: Mrs. Alex Cameron, 12905 Silver Lake Road, Brighton, Michigan.

GENESEE—Camp Wesleyan for Girls, Silver Lake, New York ..... July 4-10
Dean: Mrs. Arthur S. Wright, 794 Humboldt Parkway, Buffalo 11, New York.

KANSAS, MISSOURI, and SOUTHWEST MISSOURI—School of Missions, House Party for Girls, National College for Christian Workers, 5123 Truman Road, Kansas City, Missouri.
June 13-19 (7th and 8th grades)
June 20-26 (9th grade)
June 27-July 3 (10th grade)
July 4-9 (11th and 12th grades)
Dean: Mrs. W. T. Ruhl, 1307 North Jefferson, Springfield, Missouri.

MINNESOTA—Girls' World Friendship School, Camp Wesleyan, Camp No. 4, Medicine Lake, Minneapolis, Minnesota ..... June 13-19
Dean: Mrs. A. D. Headley, 307 Jackson Street, Anoka, Minnesota.

NEW JERSEY—New Jersey Conference Girls' House Party, Pennington School, Pennington, New Jersey ..... June 21-25
Dean: Mrs. W. Gordon Lowden, 405 West Lake Avenue, Spring Lake, New Jersey.

NORTH INDIANA—Yo-Pe-Mi-Ca, Epworth Forest, Route 1, Leesburg, Indiana ..... June 20-25
Dean: Mrs. Charles Hartman, Monroeville, Indiana.

NORTH-EAST OHIO—Lakeside Girls' School, Lakeside, Ohio ..... July 18-24
Dean: Mrs. Wade Taylor, 626 Deuber Avenue, S. W., Canton 6, Ohio.

OHIO—Lakeside and Southern Girls' School of Christian Service, Lakeside, Ohio ..... June 13-19
Dean: Mrs. W. C. Taylor, 3425 Edgevale Road, Toledo 6, Ohio.

PENINSULA—Girls' School of Missions, Conference Camp Pe-Co-Meth., Centerville, Maryland ..... June 28-July 3
Dean: Mrs. Ralph T. Lloyd, Hebron, Maryland.

PHILADELPHIA—Girls' School of Missions, Camp Innabah, R. D. Spring City, Pennsylvania ..... June 20-27
Dean: Mrs. Edwin L. McCausland, 66 W. Greenwood Avenue, Lansdowne, Pennsylvania.

PITTSBURGH—Girls' School of Missions, Methodist Training Center, Jumonville Star Route, Uniontown, Pennsylvania ..... July 11-18
Dean: Mrs. H. R. Lewis, 640 Beverly Road, Pittsburgh 16, Pennsylvania.

ROCK RIVER—Camp Inspiration, Willerup Park Bible Camp, Lake Ripley, Cambridge, Wisconsin ..... July 11-17
Dean: Mrs. Herbert M. Jones, 5323 Galitz Avenue, Skokie, Illionis.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA-ARIZONA—World Friendship Camp, Idyllwild Pines, Idyllwild, California ..... July 10-17
Junior High Dean: Miss Ida Mary Davis, 8427 Grand Avenue, Rosemead, California.
Senior High Dean: Mrs. Troy E. Simmons, Box 1, Bostonia, California.

WYOMING—Christian Outreach Camp, Sky Lake of Wyoming Conference, R. D., Windsor, New York ..... July 25-August 1
Dean: Mrs. Edgar Singer, 1047 Wyoming Avenue, Forty Fort, Pennsylvania.

MEMO: TO SECRETARIES OF YOUTH WORK

The world's needs are great. Encourage members of the MYF to increase MYFund giving. Encourage the MYF to complete payment of pledges to MYFund. Be sure money is sent from the local church to the annual conference treasurer early in May in order to reach headquarters by May 31, to be included in this year's giving.

INTERDENOMINATIONAL SUMMER SCHOOLS

MOUNT SEQUOYAH, ARKANSAS, July 6-9. Dr. Paul D. Womeldorf, 805 Colcord Building, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

SILVER BAY, NEW YORK, July 14-21. Dr. J. Allan Ranck, Silver Bay Conference, 257 Fourth Avenue, New York, New York.

LAKE JUNALUSKA, NORTH CAROLINA, July 15-21. Rev. James W. Sells, 408 Wesley Memorial Building, Atlanta, Georgia.

LAKE FOREST, ILLINOIS, August 2-6. Mrs. Marie Reid, c/o Missions Council, Congregational Christian Churches, 19 South LaSalle Street, Chicago 3, Illinois.

ASILOMAR, CALIFORNIA, August 6-11. Miss Janet Verkuyl, 83 McAllister Street, San Francisco 2, California.

CHAUTAUQUA, NEW YORK, August 20-27. Miss Mabel Head, 135 East Fifty-second Street, New York 22, New York.

NORTHFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS, July 6-14. Dr. Dorothy A. Stevens, American Baptist Convention, Room 515, 1703 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

BOULDER, COLORADO, June 13-19. Mrs. Robert W. Maris, 4128 Grove Street, Denver 11, Colorado.

METHODIST SERVICE PROJECTS—1954

Methodist Service Projects describes a wide variety of vocational opportunities in the various institutions and programs of The Methodist Church.

Personnel needs of the church in the fields of the ministry, the missionary enterprise, Christian education, and nursing are estimated at 5,150 persons annually. Seventy-three different categories of work are outlined in a dozen general program areas.

In addition to job descriptions, the manual contains

—a statement on a Christian philosphy of vocation

—a description of volunteer, summertime, and short term service opportunities, including work camps, caravans, evangelistic work, and two- and three-year missionary assignments

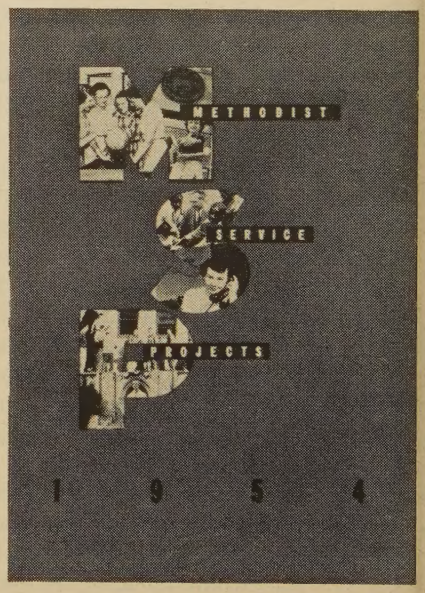
—an analysis of the relationship of the selective service law to church vocations

—information on Methodist student loan and scholarship funds

—a bibliography of resource material on Christian vocation

—and a listing of the personnel officers of The Methodist Church

The booklet will be helpful to young people investigating the possibility of full-time work with the church, and to the adult counselors who guide them.



Every Methodist pastor should have a copy on his desk.

Student workers, guidance officers, and counselor-teachers all will find this manual a valuable source of information.

Order from: Interboard Committee on Christian Vocations, P. O. Box 871, Nashville 2, Tennessee. Price: ten cents per copy—eight dollars a hundred.

Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities: Call your committee together for special planning to alert Methodists to election issues and responsibilities.

Youth Work: Counsel with the World Friendship Group of Girls in their planning.

Children's Work: Read World Friendship Bulletin in THE METHODIST WOMAN. Meet with council of children's workers.

Spiritual Life: Form Prayer Groups.

Literature and Publications: Order material for Week of Prayer and Self-Denial.

Status of Women: Call pastor's attention to names of women who have special qualifications for church committees (this information to come from recent Service Activity Card survey).

Program Committee: Distribute *My Date Book*, which includes program calendar. Plan for the Week of Prayer and Self-Denial.

OCTOBER **Program—The Fourth Assembly of the Woman's Society of Christian Service**

Missionary Education: Cooperate in the Week of Prayer and Self-Denial, and enlist support for the missions projects.

Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities: Cooperate in community-wide observance of U.N. Day.

Youth Work: Participate with other adult workers with youth in the special emphasis on "Youth in Their Families."

Spiritual Life: Observe Week of Prayer and Self-Denial. Emphasize family worship following the Family Life Conference (October 8-10).

Literature and Publications: Cooperate in a combination drive for subscriptions to THE METHODIST WOMAN and WORLD OUTLOOK.

Supply Work: Pack a Christmas box according to askings for the Home Missions institutions of the Woman's Division.

NOVEMBER **Program—New Nations Shall Turn to the Lord**

Vice-president: Quarterly meeting of Committee on Program.

Treasurer: Send second quarter's receipts by November 5. With the secretary of Promotion, plan for promotion of continuing use of the Treasure Chest and the Widening Fellowship Plan by your members.

Promotion: In executive committee meeting, have all officers fill out reports to be mailed to district secretaries of lines of work by November 30.

Missionary Education: Begin study, *India, Pakistan, and Ceylon.*

Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities: Work with other church women on all phases of World Community Day program.

Student Work: Entertain students from overseas during holidays.

Youth Work: Make it possible for the MYF to have mission study materials on the current themes.

MARCH **Program—The Young Girl Goes to the City**

Promotion: Officers' Training Day materials need to be ordered by the Secretary of Literature and Publications.

Missionary Education: Begin the study, *That They May Have Life.*

Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities: Convene your committee to take stock of issues confronting the 84th Congress.

Student Work: Be on alert for students who should participate in summer service projects[1] and full-time missionary service.

Youth Work: Check on MYFund giving. All pledges should be paid by early May.

Children's Work: Read World Friendship Bulletin in THE METHODIST WOMAN. Follow major suggestions.

Spiritual Life: Plan for Day Apart service during Lent.

Supply Work: Present Supply Work needs for Foreign Missions institutions of the Woman's Division and take a cash offering.

APRIL **Program—United Work of Protestant Church Women in the United States**

Vice-president: Present World Federation of Methodist Women.

Treasurer: Call a meeting of Finance Committee to prepare the 1955-1956 budget. Urge all members to complete pledge payments.

MAY **Program—Be Ye Doers of the Word**

General: Adopt budget; elect and install officers; plan for representation at Summer School of Missions; change circle members.

President: Report of year's work. Plan Officers' Training Day.

Vice-president: Pledge Service. Quarterly meeting of the Committee on Program.

Treasurer: Send fourth quarter's receipts, *including all available funds*, by May 10.

Promotion: In executive committee meeting, have all officers fill out reports to be mailed to district secretaries of lines of work by May 31. Send list of newly elected officers with complete addresses to district secretary of Promotion. Do your part in setting up Officers' Training Day.

Missionary Education: Begin the study, *Jesus' Teachings Concerning Women.*

Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities: Cooperate in observance of Family Life Week.

Student Work: Entertain seniors from your church and have a speaker on "Christian Service."

Children's Work: Plan to attend leadership or laboratory school.

Literature and Publications: Order Program Books and Worship Booklets for 1955-1956. Secure new subscriptions and renewals.

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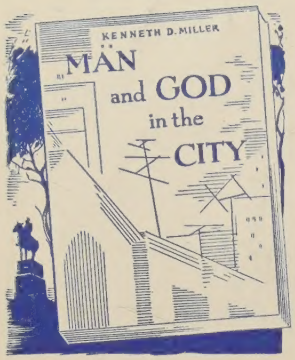
[1] (Order *Methodist Service Projects*, Service Department, Box 871, Nashville 2, Tennessee. 10 cents).

APPROVED STUDIES 1954-1955

Available after May 20, 1954



Theme: The City

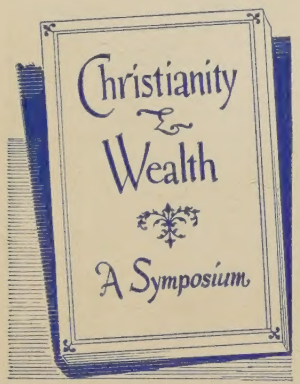
Man and God in the City. By Kenneth D. Miller. Have the Protestant city churches kept pace with our shifting population? Illustrations are given by this author of individual churches meeting community needs. $1.25.

Look at the City. By Janette T. Harrington. How churches meet the needs of people through their ministry, mission centers, and interdenominational agencies. $1.00.

Adult Guide on "The City." By Ione Catton. 50 cents.

Theme: That They May Have Life.

Christianity and Wealth. A symposium by six writers. Concerns biblical teachings regarding wealth, Christian vocations of management and labor, woman's relationship to wealth as wage earner, consumer, and investor, and the Christian bases of an economic world order. 65 cents.



A Leader's Guide for the Study of *Christianity and Wealth.* By Mrs. Clifford A. Bender. 25 cents.

Theme: India, Pakistan, and Ceylon

Under Three Flags. By Stephen Neill. What is the status and work of the church in India, Pakistan, and Ceylon today? Where has the church succeeded, where failed? What of its future? $1.25.

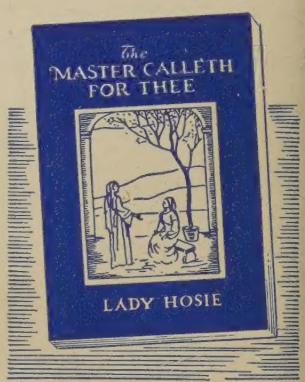
Face to Face with India. By Roland E. Wolseley, This author makes India live through many vivid personalities in every profession. $1.25.

Adult Guide on "India, Pakistan, and Ceylon." By Irene A. Jones. 50 cents.

Theme: Jesus' Teachings Concerning Women

The Master Calleth for Thee. By Lady Hosie. This fascinating study brings the status of women to a vivid focus in Jesus' day. 65 cents.

A Leader's Guide to Jesus' Teachings Concerning Women. By Ethelene Sampley. 25 cents.



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Crowded Ways. A symposium. A study of the missionary responsibility of The Methodist Church in the city. 50 cents.

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The Calendar of Activities for Officers for 1954-1955 (formerly the Officers' Letter File) appears in this issue of THE METHODIST WOMAN. Extra copies are available at 15 cents each.

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